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doing virtually nothing to combat the rising problem of drug trafficking, a senior UAE police official charged here Sunday. "What are the policies to fight this phenomenon ... nothing" Brigadier Dahi Tamim, chief of Dubai police, told the local newspaper Al Khaleej, adding drug laws

Guerrillas fire four rockets at Israeli-held zone

MARIAYOUN, Lebanon (R) - Guerrillas fired four Karyusha rockers at northern Israel Sunday, security sources in the Jewish state's South Lebanon "security zone" said. They said the rockets were launched from an area just north of the "security zone" where members of the pro-iranian Hizbollah (Party of God) are active. Israeli and allied South Lebanon Army (SLA) militia gunners responded by firing 155-millimetre shells at Yater, a village near Zibiqine from where the Katyushas were launched. There was no immediate more on essenties in the rocket launched. There was no immediate word on casualties in the rocket assault or the retaliatory shelling. Guerrillas fired dozens of Katyushas into northern Israel and the Israeli-held zone Wednesday and Thursday. An Israeli woman, was cut by broken glass in one of the rocket salvos. Israeli and SLA militia gunners hit back by pounding a mountain ridge controlled by Hizboliah, killing two civilians and wounding nine.



Dissident Afghans block roads to Kabul

KABUL (R) — Afghan guerrilla commanders loyal to the hardline Hezb-e-Islami party have imposed a road blockade on Kabul, cutting off vital supply lines to the shell-shattered capital, officials said Sunday. The aim of the siege was to destabilise the government of President Bhurhanuddin Rabbani, accused by Hezb leader and Prime Ministerdesignate Gulbuddin Hekmatyar of running an illegal administration, guernillas said. Defence Ministry spokesman Yunis Qanuny said he hoped the problem could be solved through negotiation. "Many commanders from different factions around the city have announced they will work with us to keep the roads open," he said. No traffic moved on the usually busy road east to Pakistan along which come most supplies of food, fuel and livestock for the city's estimated one million people. Commanders from other guerrilla parties at checkpoints just east of Kabul said Hezh fighters had barricaded the road at the town of Sarobi, about 80 kilometres east of Kabul. "We had a few minibuses in yesterday, but nothing today - just a few local buses," said a checkpoint guard.

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Crown Prince meets French army chief

AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan Sunday received the chief of staff of the French Armed Forces, Admiral Jacques Lanxade and the accompanying delegation. Prince Hassan and the delegation reviewed Jordanian-French relations and means of enhancing them. They also discussed the situation in the region and the Middle East peace process. Prince Hassan stressed at the meeting the need to develop a joint vision for the requirements of security in the region, and said the Middle East was in dire need for a French role in this regard.

Sanctions cause high death rates in Iraq

CAIRO (AP) — Death rates among young children in Iraq have increased by more than 800 per cent because of U.N. economic sanctions, Iraq said Sunday. The Iraqi mission to the Cairobased Arab League said that in March 1989, a total of 362 Iraqi children under age five died of malnutrition, diarrhoea and pneumonia. It said that figure was up to 3,419 children in March 1993, an increase of 844 per cent. The press statement said that during the same month in 1989, a total of 407 people over 50 died of hypertension, diabetes and malignancies, compared to 1,238 in March 1993, an increase of 204

2.3 million emigrated to Israel since 1948

TEL AVIV (AFP) — Some 2.3 million Jews have emigrated to Israel since its creation in 1948, Simcha Dinitz, head of the quasigovernmental Jewish Agency charged with immigrants' affairs, told reporters Sunday. Mr. Dinitz said about half a million Jews had arrived in Israel in the past three years. About 6,000 new immigrants arrive in Israel every month. Israel hopes to receive half a million Jews before the end of 1998, he said, adding that more than one million Jews from the former Soviet republics had made plans to emigrate to the Jewish state. Israel currently has a population of 5.25 million, four million of whom are Jews.

Kuwaitis in Bosnia arms case acquitted

KUWAIT CITY (AFP) - A court here acquitted three Kuwaitis who said they were shipping weapons to Bosnia and had never planned to threaten Kuwaiti security, judicial sources said Sunday. The three were arrested in December for illegal possession of weapons, but Kuwait's state security court Saturday ruled there were no grounds to charge them with "endangering Kuwait's security or stability," they said.

40,000 Iraqis seek to enter Malta

VALLETA (R) — The Maltese government has closed its gates to a flood of Iraqi refugees after 40,000 of them applied for visas at its Tehran consultate, the island's main refugee body said Sunday. It said only 760 Iraqi refugees were allowed into Malta which has a total population of around

Voicano erupts in southeast Iran

NICOSIA (R) - Mount Taftan volcano in southeast Iran has erupted, sending molten lava 60 metres down the mountain side, the Iranian news agency IRNA said. IRNA said the eruptions, 30 kilometres northeast of the city of Kash, was not threatening people

UAE police chief

tions but did not mention any ABU DHABI (AFP) — The United Arab Emirates (UAE) is parties. played down an armed clash in-Zahra district in Hodaida port Thursday between a GPC candiwere lax and security at small ports was almost non-existent.

Yeltsin ahead in exit poll

referendum showed President Boris Yeltsin on course to win a clear vote of confidence from his people on Sunday.
A television exit poll of 2,400

people in 16 cities spread across the world's biggest country gave Mr. Yeltsin a massive 75 per cent vote of confidence in his pres-

It said slightly fewer voters two in three — said they sup-ported the Kremlin leader's bold but painful economic reform The figures, after 16 months of

crash-course reform that has sent prices soaring and plunged a third of the population below the official poverty level, were well above pre-referendum opinion

Mr. Yeltsin's support is generally believed to be weaker in the countryside and provincial backwaters than in the major cities where the poll was taken. But early returns from Siberia

and the Far East, up to nine time zones ahead of Moscow, also favoured the 62-year-president, whose future was on the line in Sunday's vote.

Preliminary figures reported by Commonwealth Television said 70 per cent of those voting in the

LONDON (Agencies) — Palesti-

nian leader Yasser Arafat called

on Israel to make progress at

Middle East peace talks in

Washington this week and said he

looked-forward to living in an

independent Palestinian state

Mr. Arafat told the British

Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) he wanted Israel to "follow up the basis of the peace progress,"

including the exchange of land for

peace, withdrawal from the occu-

pied territories and "security for

and broadcast Sunday, that there could be "no peace without the

Palestinians... no stability with-

Asked by interviewer David

Frost whether he would live to

see an independent Palestinian

state, Mr. Arafat, 63, replied: "I

will invite you to come to visit me

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Saleh to quit

SANAA (R) — Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh pledged

Sunday to step down if the two

ruling parties lost Tuesday the first general election since uni-

"Certainly we will accept the

results of the elections and if we

were defeated we will join the

opposition," Mr. Saleh, leader of

the General People's Congress

(GPC), told a packed news con-

ference. Yemen Socialist Party (YSP)

leader and Vice-President Ali

Salem Al Baidh also attended the

news conference. GPC and YSP

have been jointly ruling the coun-

try since former Marxist South Yemen and conservative North

Mr. Saleh said the two ruling

Yemen merged in May 1990.

parties were seeking wider coop-

eration in the future while giving

other parties a chance to join their alliance.

closely cooperating in the elec-

tions, are widely expected to win

an easy majority.

Mr. Saleh said pressure had

been exercised to push Yemen

away from democracy and elec-

The GPC and YSP, which are

He said in a television inter-view, taped in Tunis last week table.

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Arafat predicts

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MOSCOW (Agencies) — First Far East city of Magadan backed tentative signals from Russia's Mr. Yeltsin's presidency and 65 per cent said they supported his

social and economic policies.
Initial figures from 20 districts in the Siberian city of Irkutsk showed 60 per cent in favour of Mr. Yeltsin and just under threefifths supporting his radical re-

From the Pacific to the Baltic coast, voters were passing judg-ment on Mr. Yeltsin and his free-market reforms in the referendum designed to end the power struggle between the president and the communistdominated parliament.

Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev, a close Yeltsin aide, told the American CBS television network that "very very pre-liminary early returns" were "encouraging," but he did not give

Allegations of vote irregular-ities were made by both sides. Turnout appeared moderate, possibly denying Mr. Yeltsin the absolute majority of 105.5 million voters that he needs to force new parliamentary elections and push through a new constitution that would replace the Congress of People's Deputies with a twochamber, American-style legisla-

By Sunday evening, the turn-

The Palestine Liberation Orga-

nisation (PLO) leader added: "It

is a matter of time. (It may be)

sooner or later ... it is one of the

Middle East facts and certain-

that despite a change of govern-

ment in Israel, there had been no

change in the composition of the

Israeli delegation to the peace

of his delegation at the negotia-

tions which had been appointed by Shamir," he said. "The men-

tality of Shamir... is still on the

The Labour party's Yitzhak Rabin replaced Yitzhak Shamir

of the right-wing Likud as Israeli

prime minister last July, Mr.

Rabin has pledged to accelerate

Syria Sunday welcomed a

the work of the peace talks.

"Rabin didn't change the head

Mr. Arafat also complained

out appeared to be running just over 50 per cent in most of Russia's 89 voting districts. The central election commission said several hours before the polls. closed that turnout was 54.2 per cent in Moscow and 44 per cent in St. Petersburg, two Yeltsin strongholds. Turnout was only 19.5 per cent by late evening in the

secessionist republic of Tatarstan. Turnout was 75 per cent in 1991 when Mr. Yeltsin was elected to a five-year term as Russia's first popularly elected president.

A heavy turnout was expected to favour Mr. Yeltsin, who sought the referendum to settle the question on who should wield supreme authority in Russia. He needs only a majority of ballots cast to win questions on approval of his leadership and economic

But more than half of all registered voters are needed on questions about early elections for the presidency and parlia-

It was likely the referendum would produce a mixed result, allowing both the president and hardliners in parliament to interpret the results to their own advantage and thus continue their political standoff.

Mr. Yeltsin has said a strong

tary elections might prompt him to take extraordinary steps to introduce a new constitution.

The Yeltsin referendum cam-

paign urged voters to vote "no" on new presidential elections, although Mr. Yeltsin himself said voters should vote "yes" on all four questions,

The weather varied across Russia's 11 time zones, from snow in parts of the Far East and Siberia to warm, hazy weather in Moscow and much of European Rus-

Mr. Yeltsin's rival for power. Congress Speaker Ruslan Khasbulatov, told the AP that "in the Far East, false ballots have already been manufactured in large quantities."

In the Pacific port of Vladivostok, voters told the AP their ballots had not been signed by election commission officials, as required by law. Vera Arbatova, head of the regional electoral commission, said officials "were physically incapable of signing" all of them, so unsigned ballots would be counted.

An election observer told the ITAR-TASS news agency that in the southern city of Rostov-on-Don, sample ballots were hung in voting booths showing people how to vote against Mr. Yeltsin.

Peace talks 'final battle,' Rabin says

TEL AVIV (Agencies) - The Middle East peace negotiations, which resume in Washington Tuesday, are "Israel's final bat-tle," Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said in an interview pub-"strengthen" that team.

lished Sunday.
"The battle for peace will be our final battle," Mr. Rabin told Yediot Aharonot.

has fought five wars against Arab countries, was prepared to let the Palestinians run practically all the administration of the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip during an interim period. But he added that Israel would

remain in charge of security and Israeli settlements.

"We are not obsessed with the idea of greater Israel," he said referring to right-wing demands to hang on to the occupied terri-

But Mr. Rabin ruled out handpledge by U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher to pursue an ing back all the occupied territoreven-handed policy in the Middle ies saying Israel would not return to the borders before 1967 war. (Continued on page 5) He told the daily that Israel's

seini, the leading Palestinian from the occupied territories, sit on the Palestinian delegation to the peace talks was intended to

The right fears Mr. Husseini's East Arab Jerusalem address implies the status of the Holy City, which Israel claims as its "capit-Mr. Rabin said Israel, which al." is open to negotiation.

Israeli papers also quoted Mr. Rabin as saying the Palestinians would help direct \$75 million in investments for the occupied terri-

Mr. Rabin's spokesman said he would hold talks Monday with Samuel Lewis, a senior American diplomat, on the peace process. Press reports suggested that Mr. Lewis was here to prod Israel towards further gestures to give the talks momentum.

Mr. Rabin proposed the immediate transfer of \$75 million in investment funds for the occupied territories to the Palestinian

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A group of Yemenis march in support of their local candidate in Taiz, 250 kilometres south of Sanaa, ahead of Tuesday's general elections (AFP photo)

Egypt denies Sudan plot, builds Halaib

CAIRO (Agencies) — Egypt has rejected Sudan's allegations that it is backing a plot to overthrow the government in Khartoum. Egyptian Foreign Minister

Amr Musa, quoted by Al Ahram newspaper Sunday, said such charges put further strain on the troubled, relations between the two neighbours.

"If things continue like this, it will be difficult to patch up the rift," he was quoted as telling reporters. "What is coming out of some mouthpieces in Sudan helps to harm ties more and more. It would be better if these, mouthpieces stopped."

On Saturday, Sudan's president, Lieutenant-General Omar Hassan Al Bashir, charged that Egypt had promised air support. weapons, military uniforms and

other equipment to a group of northern and southern opponents

of the Khartoum government.

A Sudanese umbrella opposition group in Cairo, the Sudanese National Democratic Forum, also rejected allegations it was plan-ning a coup with southern rebel leader John Garang.

Khartoum said the two groups finalised details of the plot at a meeting they held in Nairobi last

Egypt has blamed Sudan, with Iran, for a surge in Muslim'militant violence in Egypt in the past year, saying Khartoum runs training camps for militant guerrillas in a bid to export its radical Islamic ideology.

Egypt and Sudan are also engaged in a decades-old territorial dispute over the Halaib border

area, long administered by Khartourn but claimed by both coun-Egyptian Transport and Com-

munications Minister Soliman Metwalli told Al Ahram a new highway linking Halaib to the Egyptian town of Berenice would be completed by April 1994.

The Halaib dispute flared last year when Khartoum granted an international oil firm exploration rights in the barren desert region. Since then. Egypt has opened

government offices and started In Amman, Jordanian officials building in the area while strengsaid Sunday the infiltrator was thening its army's presence. Reporters have been refused access and it is not known if Sudan is still operating its own administrative

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King and Queen return home

AMMAN (Petra) — Their Majesties King Hussein and Queen Noor returned home Sunday after an 18-day visit to the United Kingdom. King Hussein attended the ination of a new batch of students from Sandhurst graduation of a new batch of students from Sandhurst College, his own Alma Mater 40 years ago. The King also held talks with British Prime Minister John Major. The

King was received upon arrival by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, His Royal Highness Prince Abdul-lah Ben Al Hussein, members of the Royal family and senior officials. Returning with King Hussein were His Royal Highness Prince Falsal Ben Al Hussein and Prime Minister Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker.

Husseini counts on change in U.S., Israeli attitudes in talks

nian peace delegate Faisal Husseini said Sunday he was counting on a change in U.S. and Israeli attitudes in talks due to resume Tuesday in Washington after a four-month suspension.

"All indications from Washington, from Moscow and the Arab countries lead us to believe that the next session will be different from the previous ones, notably regarding the U.S. and Israeli attitudes," said Mr. Husseini, the leading Palestinian in the occupied territories who is officially to take party in the peace talks for

"But given our long experience, we cannot permit ourselves to consider things as established facts. Our attitude will be to listen to what the Israelis have to say," he added. Mr. Husseini was

Palestinian delegates who arrived here Sunday from the occupied territories en route to the ninth round of peace talks with Israel. The deputy leader of the Palestinian delegation warned his people "not to raise their ex-

pectations" for a breakthrough when the talks resume. "I don't know that we have a peace process any more," Saeb Erakat told the Associated Press as the 12-member Palestinian delegation prepared to fly to Washington.

"We face Israeli intransigence. There's a big difference between dictation and negotiation, and trying to make peace under these terms is not possible," Dr. Erakat

He said that if Israeli Prime Minister Yirzhak Rabin "persists in having negotiations just for the sake having negotiations," he will have failed the peace process. "I don't want to talk in terms of

AMMAN (Agencies) — Palesti- last chances, but the whole pro- U.S. and Israeli commitments as cess is clouded, unless things soon as they arrive in Washingchange so we can both have a peace process," Dr. Erakat said. Hanan Ashrawi, the delega-

tion's spokeswoman, said the ninth round of negotiations will be a make-or-break session in the 17-month-old peace process. The Palestinians "will be

waiting for implementation of

She did not specify what the

promises were, saying only that "the Palestinian party did not set a deadline for their application." She confirmed that Israel had agreed to repatriate "at least 30

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Palestinian spokeswoman Hanan Ashrawi talks to reporters in Amman Sunday as delegation head Faisal Husseini looks on (photo by

Israeli army kills unarmed çivilian near Eilat town

TEL AVIV (Agencies) - Israeli soldiers shot dead an armed man who crossed from Jordan late on Saturday, an army spokesman

"A man dressed in civilian clothes tried to cross the border ... an army force which arrived quickly on the scene opened fire and the man was killed," the spokesman said in a statement.

The spokesman said a search of the body revealed the man was unarmed. The army was investigating the reason he tried to cross the border, the spokesman added.

The shooting took place about 1.5 kilometre north of the town of Eilat on the Gulf of Aqaba.

Israel Radio said that roads leading to Eilat, a popular resort town, were closed and hotels in the town were placed on alert

unarmed and probably lost his way through a bark and wooded area near Eilat. Israel would not release the

name of the man, believed to be an Iraqi, who was identified by papers found on the body.

OIC meeting begins with focus on Bosnia, Palestine

meeting of foreign ministers from Islamic countries started in Karachi Sunday with denunciations of the arms embargo on Bosnia, India's rule over Kashmir, the war in Azerbaijan and other problems besetting the Muslim World. The situation in Bosnia was

the meeting of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference (OIC).

The foreign minister of the Muslim-led Bosnian government. Haris Silajdzic, called for an end to the arms embargo on Muslims and told journalists in a reference to Western food aid that "feeding a man who is only to be killed is

cynical." "We would like this conference to encourage the United States in the effort to stop the aggression," he said.

The Israeli-Palestinian problem received top billing. Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati said it continued "to be the greatest challenge and pain for the entire Muslim World."

The chairman of the meeting, newly appointed acting Pakistani Foreign Minister Farook Leghari, decried Israel's expulsion in Decembr of 400 Palestinians from the occupied territories calling it "the latest in a series of inhuman measures of the Israeli govern- sults.

KARACHI (Agencies) - A ment to repress" Palestinians Jordanian call

> Jordan's Foreign Minister Kamel Abu Jaber called on the Arab and Islamic countries to unify ranks to be able to over- =

come obstacles facing them. *The nation is eroding intermentioned by all the speakers at nally and externally, and this is something that should not continue. We should overcome this tragic situation." he told repor-

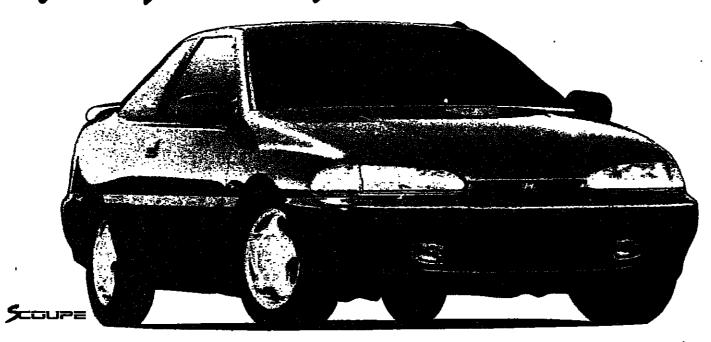
> In reference to the Middle East peace process. Dr. Abu Jaber said the Arab-Israeli conflict had lasted for a long time, pointing out that one or several meetings will not end the conflict swiftly. "This conflict has historic, religious, political, economic and humanitarian dimensions," he said. Saying that Israel's procrastination and circumvention of United Nations Security Council resolutions were expected by the Arab side, he attributed the Arabs' acceptance to participate in the ninth round of Arab-Israeli bilateral talks to American promises and pledges to the Arabs in general, and to the Palestinians in

> particulary. The foreign minister voiced hope that the next round of talks would produce more serious re-

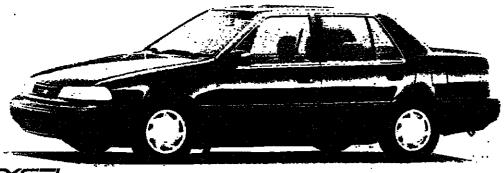
"There were security disturbances aimed at the lives of YSP colleagues and even a scheme against the lives of some leaders to draw a wedge between the GPC and YSP and other parties." Both Mr. Saleh and Mr. Baidh

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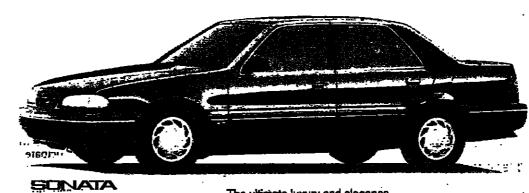
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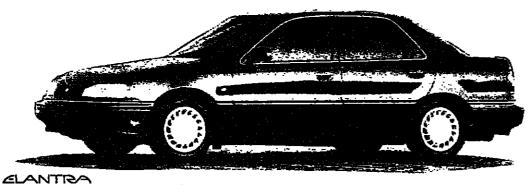
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Husseini counts on change in attitude

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deportees expelled since 1967, who will be followed by others," and that the decision would" finally make expulsions illegal. The Palestinian delegates are

sceptical about Israel's real intentions, but have nevertheless decided to submit to the Palestinian leadership's orders by going to Washington," she explained.
Prior to leaving the Israelioccupied territories, Dr. Ashrawi

warned that the Washington talks were "the last chance" for peace. "If we don't achieve progress the whole thing will fall apart," she said after several Palestinian

delegates received death threats. On Saturday the delegates held marathon discussions in the West Bank town of Ramallah and set aside differences to head for the negotiations after a four-month suspension triggered by Israel's expulsion of 415 Palestinians in mid-December.

Delegation chief Haidar Abdul Shafi was to leave from Israel's Tel Aviv airport for Washington,

Palestinian source said. Dr. Abdul Shafi announced after the meeting that despite differences between the delegates and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO). his team would participate in the talks.

"I am not very optimistic,"
Haidar Abdul Shafi told Israel
army radio Sunday. "Nevertheless, it does no harm to test Israel's willingness for making peace on equitable and fair

Nayef Hawatmeh, head of the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, one of the PLO's three main groups, said Sunday that the delegation had put three conditions for its parti-

cipation to the PLO. It demanded the right to withdraw if no progress is made dur-

ing the negotiations. It also rejected a U.S. proposal for uninterrupted negotiations, and, the need to organise anational Palestinian dialogue.

Dr. Ashrawi also said the talks will be "a real test of Israeli "We've received promises from the Americans and the

Israelis, and we expect them to be implemented immediately," she "We're expecting to see substantive approaches and proposals and a change in the Israeli position, either in the negotiating

room or in their behaviour on the ground," she said.
Asked if the Palestinians will, pull out if Israel does not produce, she said: "We'll have to play it by ear."

Dr. Erakat, asked why he was going back to Washington if he felt it was futile, said: "I follow the orders of my leadership. It's also in our interest not to break Arab ranks."

Two delegates — Ghassan Khattib and Samir Abdullah of the Palestine Peoples (Communist) Party — are refusing to go to Washington.

Peace talks 'final battle' — Rabin

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He said he hoped giving them a strong role in the investments would help attract other Arab funds. The government has said previously the funding would come from earlier taxes paid by the Palestinians.

Mr. Rabin told the Israeli delegation to the peace talks to show flexibility in Washington particularly over the questions of land and water.

"It's now or never," a senior Israeli official told AFP. "We cannot allow the talks to get bogged down otherwise they could be finished. Prime Minister Rabin knows this."

Israel expects pressure from every side to ensure enough achievement to keep the talks on track, the official said, adding Peres was among those pressing for concrete gestures.

Mr. Rabin has pledged "concessions" to entice the Palestinians back to the talks, but many delegates have dismissed the offers as insufficient.

Among the gestures, outlined in a letter last month to U.S. Secret-

ary of State Warren Christopher, Mr. Rabin agreed to give a future Palestinian autonomy council greater legislative power over water and land to allow home some

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long-term exiles. Israeli officials say 35 of the hundreds of Palestinians expelled between 1967 and 1987 will be allowed to return home next week, but the names have yet to be finalised.

The "concessions," to be announced only when the talks are back on track, would also include an easing of taxation and pumping investment money into the occupied territories.

In keeping with a Jewish tradi-tion of mixing sorrow and joy. Israelis mourned their war dead Sunday before switching abruptly to fireworks and parties to celebrate the creation of their country.

that Foriegn Minister Shimon Air raid sirens were sounded in memory of the 17,709 men and women who died in uniform in -afid between five Arab-Israeli

The army and police mounted heavy security and the 25-day-old closure to the occupied territories was ordered tightened during the holiday.

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Islamic Action Front says the U.S. 'evil hand' imposes a siege on Aqaba

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Islamic Action Front (IAF) party Sunday attacked the United States for its continued blockade of Aqaba seaport and the inspection of commercial ships, including those loaded with paper for the press. In a statement issued Sunday, the IAF said "the U.S. evil hand has stretched to Jordan to impose a

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It (the U.S.) is still pursuing the policy of searching commercial ships, even those carrying paper for the press, in an attempt to influence the freedom of expression and the democratic

The statement added "while America nurtures and protects Zionism and is serving as its strategic ally, it is putting pressure on Arab countries bordering Israel to attend the ninth round of Arab-Israeli peace talks, despite the failure of all previous rounds." The front said the U.S. was acting as the one and only master "who owns the sea, the land and the air" and that it is trying to subjugate the will of

This is a new colonialism which we reject, and call on all nations of the world to resist," the state-

The IAF said it considered the blockade of Aqaba and the inspection of all ships bound for this part as an intervention in Jordan's national sovereignty; "an insult to the dignity of the Jordanian people and a flagrant ntervention in Jordan's internal

The statement noted that the U.S. measures are a "declaration of war on Jordan's economy and the people's moral.

It called on the U.S. to stop its aggression and intervention and urged the government to "adopt a firm stand to defend the dignity

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·cy, and its tempting and terrifying methods to force the Arab countries bordering Israel, including the Palestine Liberation Orga-nisation (PLO) to attend the ninth round of peace talks is a political mistake," the statement

It urged the PLO leadership to withdraw from the Arab-Israeli negotiations, describing them as 'elusive and mirage-like."

It also called on the Jordanian people, the Arab and Islamic nations and the Palestinian people in the occupied Arab territories to confront the policy of nor-malisation "which the U.S. is trying to impose on our people, just to serve the Zionist objectives and to ensure Israel's expansion at the expense of Arab land, and the future of the Arab Na-

the latest developments on the Palestinian

and underlined the importance of enhancing

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AMMAN (Petra) — A visiting

trade delegation from the Cana-

dian province of Quebec, led by

Sam Elkas, Sunday discussed prospects of Canadian-Jordanian

trade relations with members of

the Canada-Jordan Business

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Mr. Elkas was quoted by the

Jordan News Agency, Petra, as saying that the Quebec team was

trying to sound out prospects for

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Middle East, said Mr. Abu Has-



His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan porary headquarters of the Orphans' Funds Sunday chats with children outside the tem-

Princess Sarvath calls for

AMMAN (J.T.) — Her Royal Highness Princess Sarvath El Hassan Friday called for the empowerment of women with the necessary education-so that they could contribute positively at the familial, national and international levels-and sought to correct the image of Islam in the West with regard to women's rights. She also detailed Jordan's achievements in education and women's development and rights.

In a speech delivered in Washington D. C. at the World Vision, an international relief organisation based in the United States, Princess Sarvath said an educated woman is not only one who can regulate the size of her family through informed decision-making, but one who has the knowledge to anticipate and prevent potential health bazards within the family.

socio-cultural constraints faced by women in developing countries, saying Islam in the West is porance, irredeemably oppressive for women and minorities

was addressed equally to men and women, and the Koran makes no distinction between them ... Islam in its true sense can be seen as a potent force of emancipation, according women a number of unprecedented, and for its time, surprisingly modern rights

in the legal, political and civil spheres. In economic terms, it gave women the right to own private property through inheritance or work, and permitted women to retain an inheritance even after marriage," she said. Princess Sarvath also talked

about Jordan's achievements regarding women's development and rights, stressing Jordan's commitment to education. She said Jordanian legislation has taken full account of working women and has laid down "progressive regulations for the benefit of the mother who works away from home."

As the Constitution does not discriminate between men and women, she said, Jordanian women can participate at all levels of the democratisation process - they are fully enfranchised, and can and do run for

The state has created these conditions; it is now for women to take the initiative and play an even greater role in political decision-making," she said.

Crown Prince urges data coordination

by development institutions for orphans

During her two day trip to Washington, the Princess met with Mrs. Albert Goro, Wife of the U.S. vice president. She was accompanied to the White House by Mrs. Rouwaida Tarawneh, wife of the Jordan Ambassador to the U.S. Fayez Tarawneh. Princess Sarvath also met with

Jennifer Lynn Dom, senior vice president for policy and planning at the American Red Cross. She was accompanied by President of Jordanian Red Crescent Society Mohammad Hadid.

She also held meetings with representatives of nongovernment organisations that were involved in relief work in Jordan during the Gulf crisis. During these meetings, 'Her Highness discussed Jordan's health care efforts and ways in which these organisations can contribute to the country's health care programmes.

AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan Sunday opened the temporary headquarters of the Orphans' Funds Development Corporation (OFDC), where he was received by the Royal Court Chief Khalid Al Karaki, the corporation's Director General Abdul Salam Al Abbadi and members of the OFDC board of directors.

Prince Hassan chaired a meeting of the OFDC board and listened to a briefing by Dr. Abbadi on the fund's establishment and development.

The Crown Prince praised the role of the corporation in administrating and developing the orphans's funds and called for enhancing this role within a comprehensive perspective.

He stressed the importance of

information and data collection and called for coordination with similar institutions and centres within the framework of a national information system, to focus on humanitarian aspects. The Crown Prince emphasised

the need to draw up future plans on the basis of an overall clear database and called for avoiding the use of foreign terms, such as abject poverty and the like, because such terms present incorrect concept. Stressing the need for directing

special attention to orphans. Prince Hassan urged the finalising of the social survey, which the fund initiated in order to draw an integrated picture of this impor-

He called for rehabilitating orphans to enable them to meet the requirements of life, as part of an integrated national project for the welfare of orphans.

Prince Hassan urged speeding up the work on the Vocational Islamic Orphanage Project. adopted by the Ministry of Awgaf and Islamic Affairs.

He noted that any legal revision of the corporation's law and regulations should take place on the basis of interrelations between laws and regulations dealing with similar subjects, such as Zakat (alms), awqaf, legacy, orphans and the like.

Prince Hassan ordered the formation of a high-level specialised team to formulate a comprehensive perception on how best to develop the inter-related subjects in line with the spirit of the

The Crown Prince explained the dimensions of a proporal addressed to several senior officials in the Islamic world, on the formation of Arab and Islamic commission for Zakat and solidarity, saying that such an organisation can play a role in ensur-ing integrated development and rehabilitation for Arabs and Mus-

Prince Hassan touted the OFDC premises and viewed an exhibition of drawings and platedepicting the corporation's

WHAT'S GOING ON

EXHIBITIONS

Art exhibition entitled "The Legend of Petra II" by artist Suba Shoman at the National Gallery for Fine Arts. ☆ Art exhibition by Samia Al Zaru and Adnan Yahya at the Abdul Hameed Shoman Foundation Gallery.

Exhibition of ceramics by Margaret Tadros at the Spanish Cultural Centre.

* Art exhibition by Dr. Laila Bustami at the Royal cultural

☆ Art exhibition by Jordanian artist Ahmad Nawash at the French Cultural Centre.

☆ Exhibition of sculptures by Syrian artist Aktham Abdul Hameed at Baladna Art Gallery.

* Art exhibition by Syrian Artist Yousef Abdelke at Al Balka'a Gallery, Al Fubeis city.

Lecture on this season's excavations at Wadi Feinan by Dr. Andreas Hauptmann and Dr. Mohammad Najjar at the Friends of Archaeology Centre at 7 p.m.

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"The universal call of Islam

UNESCO pushes for educating children in badia, remote areas

AMMAN (Petra) — The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UN-ESCO) has urged Jordan to take care of educating the children of the badia and rural regions of the Kingdom as part of its ongoing efforts to spread education.

increased levels of trade, adding Director of the Amman UNthat Canadian products can he ESCO office Abdul Qader sold at competitive prices in the Atrash told the opening session of a four-day seminar on this area Mr. Elkas said Canada welof concern resolutions and recomes a visit to its various commendations passed by a businesses by a Jordanian busi-UNESCO-organised internationness delegation this fall to explore al conference held in Thailand in ways to upgrade trade exchanges. Mr. Abu Hassan said Jordan was in need of joint Jordanian-1990, called for such action in the

Arab region. That conference stressed the Canadian economic ventures, beneed for providing education to the less fortunate children living Canadian goods manufactured in remote regions, Dr. Atrash in Jordan could be marketed at

The present seminar aims at

offering the participating educa-

methods that could be followed in providing good levels of educa-tion to children in the remote regions, the UNESCO official

His views were echoed by Khair Abul Naja, who repre-sented the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (ISESCO) at the meeting. There is a real need for univer-

salising education to include the children of the badia and rural districts who have been so far denied a proper education, said the ISESCO representative.

The meeting, organised by the Ministry of Education in cooperation with UNESCO, was opened by Munther Masri, the ministry secretary general, who deputised for Acting Prime Minister and Minister of Education Thougan Al Hindawi.

Educating all citizens is a national responsibility and all sec-

tors are invited to help out in this

endeavour, Dr. Masri said. Although the Kingdom's educational system was able, in the past years, to meet the country's educational requirement, the ministry realised five years ago that the entire educational system in Jordan needs to be overhauled to better cater to the needs posed by new challenges.

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reviews Arab industry AMMAN (Petra) - An interna- dealt with bio-sciences techniques tional conference on bio-science Sunday reviewed research papers the German paper reviewed bio-

submitted by participants from Canada, Egypt, Iraq and Ger-

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Agriculture Minister Fayez on applications of modern tech-

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Bio-sciences meeting

ACTING PRIME Minister Thougan Al Hin-

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Hawatmeh. Mr. Hindawi and Mr. Hawatmeh

discussed the situation in the Arab World and territories.

Minister urges Turkey to

import Jordanian products

AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of Industry and Trade Abdullah Ensour Sunday urged a Turkish trade delegation to increase its country's imports of Jordanian

products so as to adjust the ba-

lance of trade between the two

Turkey can import veterinary

and pharmaceutical products, aluminium fluoride, phosphoric

acid, plastic sheets and other

equipment needed in drip irriga-

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The Canadian paper focused on the control of bio-scientific processes in industry and phar-

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Khasawneh opened the five-day international conference focusing nology in bio-sciences to help ensure economic progress.



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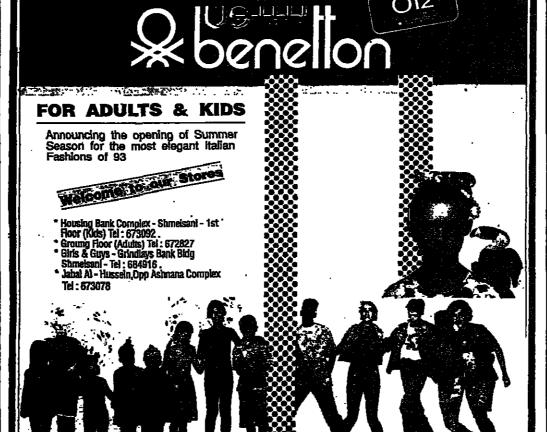
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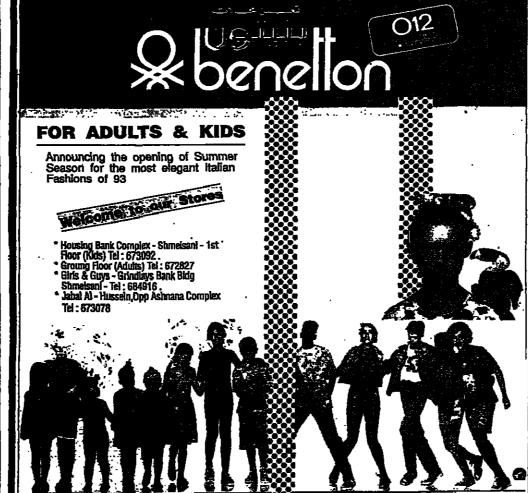
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Freedom across frontiers

HIS ROYAL Highness Crown Prince Hassan's call for free movement of Arab labour and capital within the Arab World is a timely and challenging initiative. In a speech delivered at the 26th session of the Council of Arab Universities Saturday, the Crown Prince submitted his proposal against the background of deep divisions and supplicions among Arabs. By addressing this bold idea to that particular forum, the Crown Prince indicated that such a step needs to be picked up first by Arab intellectuals and scholars with the hope that it can be transmitted in due course to centres of power in the various Arab countries.

But before the cream of the crop in the Arab World can be expected to spread the word, they have to look closer to home and see that the calibre of Arab higher education needs to be improved, especially qualitatively. All those connected with university education in our countries know only too well that the present quality of higher education is woefully short of expectations, and the gap between it and that in the West is growing instead of narrowing. To bridge the gap between our educational systems and those in developed countries obviously calls for an overhaul of Arab elementary and university educational criteria. Without proper elementary and secondary educational methods no university can ever hope to prepare students for meeting the challenge that our civilisational existence now faces.

Moreover, only through adequate investment in education can we hope to elevate the level of our education to where it should be. For this purpose, the Crown Prince suggested another equally bold and challenging idea, namely, to change the Arab concept of frontiers from its current archaic form into one that regards them as junctions for national networks. This has been the successful experience of the more enlightened and advanced regions of the world, where nations with even different languages and backgrounds have been able to forge a common destiny through regional cooperation and economic integration. This is in essence the framework of the new international order that Arab thinkers should understand and act on.

Yet all these ambitious ideas call for strong political will that is clearly not present in the Arab World today. Here, the spread of pluralistic democracy and respect for human rights can be of great help. Unfortunately, democracy in the Arab countries has so far been only the exception to the rule, and until it becomes a way of life for us there is going to be continuous fear that good ideas and practical programmes would remain just hopes that are not likely to see the light of the day.

ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES

NOW THAT the Arab parties to the peace negotiations have

agreed to take part in the ninth round of the bilateral talks, it remains to be seen whether Washington will keep its promises and honour its pledges of playing the role of full partner in helping the two sides reach permanent peace, said Sawt Al Shaab daily Sunday. The Arab parties involved in the negotiations have proved to the whole world that they are not standing in the way of a settlement with Israel and have showed their keenness to attend the ninth session to give the U.S. administration and Israel another chance to end the deadlock, said the daily. The Palestinian delegation is also going to Washington despite strong opposition on the part of the Palestinian people inside the occupied Arab lands, added the paper. It said the Arabs have decided to test the real intentions of the Clinton administration, which is still to prove its stand, hoping that the new administration would shoulder its responsibility towards the establishment of peace in the Middle East. It should be noted that U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher had given promises to the Arabs during his tour of the region that the Clinton administration would play the role of a full partner in the process of attaining the aspired peace, the paper recalled. It said that the Arabs have responded favourably to the Clinton administration's call to attend the resumed talks, but the Arabs now await something positive and constructive in return. The paper said that the Arabs want the U.S. administration to act fairly and neutrally and force Israel to respect the international legitimacy.

By sealing off the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip Israel has de facto recognised the fact that it is not possible for it to annex the Arab territories it occupied in the 1967 war, said Tareq Masarweh in Al Ra'i daily Sunday. The writer noted that the intifada and the continued struggle of the Palestinian people have forced Israel to retract its steps and no more consider the occupied lands as part of Israel proper. Only the city of Jerusalem remains under the grip of the Zionists although the Arabs in the eastern part continue to reject the occupation and continue to resist Israel neasures of annexation, the writer added. He said that by closing the occupied lands Israel has intended the move as a collective punishment for the Arab population, but the siege has reflected the results of the long struggle of the local inhabitants and made it clear to the world that Israel can no longer control the affairs of the Arab population whom it has been subjecting to repression. The Arabs, who lost their livelihoods as a result of the closure, should find in their Arab and Muslim brothers in the oil-rich Arab countries a means to ensure their existence and guarantee their struggle, demanded the writer. He said that Arah-Islamic assistance to the " destinians is a must so as to end the Arab workers participation in the construction of Jewish settlements.

Weekly Political Pulse

By Waleed Sadi

Confederation — a solution, but how viable?

THERE is a widespread conviction within and outside the Middle East region that Israel's decision to cut off the West Bank and Gaza Strip from Israel proper is tantamount to a de facto acceptance that there is no way that Israel can keep the Palestinian territories under any guise. The resurrection of the green line between Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories is therefore interpreted as an effective slap in the face of the "greater Israel" design that successive Israeli governments of all vintages have been entertaining, especially since the 1967 Arab-Israeli war. If this is the inevitable conclusion, then something good emerged from the recent escalation of violence in the area. For as of March 31, 1993, the idea of Israeli permanent control of the Palestinians and their territories is dead and buried.

But where do we go from here? The first thought that comes to mind is that the Palestinian economy is nowhere near the point of self-teliance and Palestinian workers and businessmen alike must look elsewhere for gaining their livelihood. If Israel is effectively excluded from remaining an economic haven for Palestinian workers and business communities, then an effective alternative needs to be found. Given the limited resources of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, the alternative must serve not only the short and intermediate needs of the area but also the long range ones. The sequence of events in the area, and the conclusions drawn from them, seem to take the Palestinians back to basics, namely, there is really no viable panacea for them except in the context of a permanent and solid Jordanian-Palestinian relationship constructed along the lines of the confederacy concept.

However, this perception is no easy matter to realise and probably would be rejected by a sizeable majority of both Jordanian and Palestinian supernationalists for whom sub-identity comes ahead of every other consideration. What compounds the issue is the fact that as good as it is, the Jordanian economy is not robust enough to provide employment opportunities to some 100,000 Palestinian labourers who currently gain their livelihood in Jersel proper

For both banks to be able to meet the challenges posed by the de facto separation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip from Israel, considerable investment needs to be initiated for both countries as a matter of highest priority. The Arab Gulf states seem now reconciled to resume material and political support to the Palestinians. This came on the eve of the resumption of the ninth round of bilateral talks in Washington between Israel and the various Arab parties, when Riyadh and other Gulf capitals announced a fresh start in support of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO). Within the framework of an overall Arab-Israeli settlement, aid to Jordan, from many states, including the Arab Gulf states which must have sensed that they have a stake in peace in the region after all, can be expected to resume. Under such new conditions, the confederacy idea becomes more viable than ever since it would create the proper economic and political climate for the long-term solution of the Palestinians' political as well as socio-economic needs.

The trouble is that the proponents of the confederation formula are rather timid in pursuing their conviction about the need to forge a long-standing relationship between the two banks. The prevailing posture, even among the supporters of unity between Jordan and Palestine, is that any such plan must await the resolution of the Palestinian case first within the context of the ongoing Palestinian-Israeli bilateral peace talks.

Then and only then, we are told, can the peoples on both sides of the Jordan River exercise their right to self-determination with regard to establishing a confederation. This may be right from a legal point of view. From a political point of view, the time is ripe now to start discussing the scheme, since it may have a bearing on the fate of the Palestinian-Israeli peace negotiations. The economic and political links between Palestinians and Jordanians need to be placed in an early context in order to shed light not only on the viability of Palestinian independence and statehood but also on its economic and political security. The sooner the relationship between the two banks is put in the proper framework the clearer the vision for the future of the projected Palestinian state will be.

Agreement on autonomy a 'realistic expectation'

WASHINGTON (USIA) — Arab and Israeli communities "are gradually drawing closer together" in the Middle-East, a prominent American television newscaster said Friday. And an agreement on autonomy, he added, is seen as "a realistic expectation" by at least one Israeli official for the ninth round of Middle East peace talks due to begin here April 27.

Mike Wallace of CBS's "60 Minutes," who is internationally recognised for his coverage of Arab and Israeli affairs, pointed to an interview with Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres in the April 20 Terusalem Post, in which Mr. Peres said he "expects broad agreement on Palestinian self-rule...(and) basic outlines of autonomy will be agreed upon in this round.

Mr. Wallace, in a panel discussion on "Media Criticism," said that while he comes from a modest Jewish family in Boston, Massachusetts, and "I believe in the state of Israel, I am not a Zionist...(and) I am equally proud and determined that there be equal coverage in this particularly prickly situation."

prickly situation."
Mr. Wallace said that in the mid and late 1970s Americans were caught up with "the moral story of Israel" and its founding, and the news media gave it coverage because "Israel is a powerful,

powerful moral story."

As he came to know Arab
Americans and Arabs in the Middle East through "60 Minutes"
assignments, he said, "What we
began to grasp from both Arab
Americans and Arabs is that they
had "quite a different moral story



people didn't understand."
"You are achieving a different

kind of power than you had in the past," Mr. Wallace told assembled Arab American leaders, at a form organised by the Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC), urging them to "use it wisely," to become knowledgeable about the powers and the limitations of American news media.

"You have raised the consciousness of the American media by meetings such as this," Mr. Wallace said. Urging participants to focus on their local news editors and media as much as on breaking into the national media, he said, "Your story will get through to us."

Joining Mr. Wallace in the discussion were William Greider, national editor of Rolling Stone Magazine and a former editor of the Washington Post, and Saul Landau, a senior fellow at the Institute for Policy Studies who

produced the award winning film "Report from Beirut."

Mr. Greider who had been

Mr. Greider, who had been editor of the Outlook (opinion) section of the Washington Post, said. "We need to think of ways to break up the quality of sameness" in the stories carried by the national media.

In television news reporting, he said, there is also an almost irresistible temptation to present drama, and the time constraints of television produce a misleading shorthand, such as "The Serbs are doing this — and the Croats are doing that."

"How many of you would assume that 85 per cent of the Serbian-Croatian people not involved in the fight may be deeply opposed to this ethnic cleansing and this sub-imperial land grab?" he asked, continuing, "In fact, the vast majority of the people are not involved in this."

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open media."

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Mr. Wallace, in response to a question also noted "there is a disturbing anti-Arab bias" among Israelis with whom I have spent a good deal of time.... It is really, really deep. It's one that disturbs me — that I try to understand...similar to what I think happens in Northern Ireland. It is unreasoning. It is emotional, and something we probably do not do enough to eover." He said, "We (in the media) should help Americans to understand this anti-Arab bias."

out alternatives in communicat-

ing," Mr. Greider said there are

many ways to reach the American

public without going to the national media. Moreover, he

said print media has the longer

lasting impact. "I remember what

I read, as opposed to what I see

Mr. Greider said the cable tele-

vision industry is putting an in-

frastructure in place that soon

The 1993 ADC convention, according to the organisers, drew 3000 participants from the United States, South America, Canada, Europe and the Middle East.

Among the dignitaries to speak to the convention were Secretary of State Warren Christopher; Dr. Hanan Ashrawi, spokesman for the Palestinian delegation to the Middle East peace talks; Abdul Wahab Darawshe, head of Israel's Arab Democratic Party; Rafik B. Al Hariri, prime minister of Lebanon; Simon Karam, Lebanon's ambassador to the United States; Mohammad Sacirbey, ambassador of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the United Nations; and representatives Nick Joe Rahali (Democrat-West Virginia), Don Edwards (Democrat-California) and Henry Gonzalez (Democrat-Texas).

A wobbly but fast start for Clinton in first 100 days

By Terence Hunt The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The first 100 days of Bill Clinton's presidency have been a puzzling zigzag of disarray and decisiveness, setbacks and success. It has been a wobbly start that could rob momentum from his drive for

change.
Sobered by the embarrassing loss of his jobs bill in the senate, Mr. Clinton no longer boasts about "an explosive 100-day action period" for his presidency. The assessment now is far more modest as Thursday's 100-day benchmark approaches.

"This country went in one direction solid for more than a decade," the president observed last week. "I've been here about 90 days. It's going to take a little while to turn it around."

White House Chief of Staff

Mack McLarty echoed his boss:
"You seldom feel you accomplish
as much or are as far along in
some ways as you would like to
be."

Realistically, it is too early to oin an indelible label on Mr. Clinton or judge his presidency conclusively.

It is clear, though, that he is a smart, high-energy leader willing to work tirelessly to advance the view that government should be a major catalyst for change, rather than the stand-aside approach advocated by Ronald Reagan and George Bush.

He's a political pragmatist, willing to compromise or walk away from campaign promises — as he did on a host of pledges from tax cuts for the middle class to accepting Haitian refugees.

At times, he is bold. Most presidents merely ask their wives to oversee social functions; he put Hillary Rodham Clinton in charge of developing the health care programme that could be the centerpiece — or the debacle — of his administration.

of his administration.

Yet Mr. Clinton badly misjudged the power of the Republican minority in the Senate, and that poses real questions about the tests yet to come: His health care reforms, raising taxes, cutting money from popular programmes, welfare reform, and campaign finance and lobbying reform. If Mr. Clinton and his majority Democrats couldn't get a modest jobs bill past Republicans, how can he hope to enact more radical legislation?

Analysts reflect the uncertainty and mixed feelings of the American public at large.

"Too many problems are com-

House," said Vanderbilt University political scientist Erwin Hargrove. "I wounder whether the president isn't spreading him-

on the other hand, George Washington University historian Leo Ribuffo said: "This is the most placid hundred days since Herbert Hoover succeeded Cal-

vin Coolidge."

By statistical measures. Mr. A. Clinton's overall approval rating stands at 52 per cent (according to an NBC News-Wall Street Lournal poll last week). a slippage of 5 per cent in the last month. Disapproval of his job performance has climbed to 34 per cent, up eight points, the poll sign.

In the microscopic scrutiny of his first days, Mr. Clinton stumbled twice: Over his choice for attorney general and then in it underestimating the uproar over allowing homosexuals in the military.

Yet those mistakes were followed by a well-received address to Congress about the economy and swift passage of Mr. Clinton's ambitious plan to slash the deficit through budget cuts and higher taxes.

Then, as the administration branched out into other areas and Mr. Clinton's attention wandered from his promised "laser-like focus" on the economy. Republicans in the Senate crushed his jobs package.

On the international front, Mr. 17. Clinton successfully spearheaded is a campaign for western allies to prop up beleaguered Russian President Boris Yeltsin with a \$28-billion aid package.

But Mr. Clinton's leadership has not been enough to muster international support for a more aggressive response to the war in Bosnia after his largely diplomatic approach was roundly criticised in Congress.

Turning the country around

Turning the country around and dismantling the conservative legacy of the Reagan-Bush era is a difficult task, made harder because Mr. Clinton has failed to fill hundreds of key jobs throughout government.

There's no drug czar to craft a drug policy, no AIDS czar to write an AIDS strategy. Republicant holdovers, who were sympathetic to Company paychecks of key policy making agencies.

making agencies.

Mr. Clinton's fellow Democrats control both houses of Congress but there is none of the party discipline and direction on Capitol Hill that made Franklin D. Roosevelt's first 100 days such a blazing success. Since Roosevelt set the standard, no president — Mr. Clinton included

- has come close.
For Mr. Clinton, the real tests will come in the second 100 days, and the 100 days after that.

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LETTERS

Justice in education

To the Editor:

Passing tawjihi with the highest score is the target of almost every student. But has anyone had a second thought about justice in the qualification and preparation of the student?

There is a vast difference between the facilities offered to students studying in public schools in cities and students in remote areas.

For example, books supplied to students always run short or a

For example, books supplied to students always run short or a television set is not available, while in city public schools television sets, tape-recorders and other such facilities are always on hand.

Teachers are appointed for a couple of semesters in remote areas; there they practise their amateur skills on the students. As

a result, the students suffer and later this affects their passing grades.

Once the new teacher has started settling down, he or she is transferred to a bigger town or city school. Some teachers are transferred almost every semester. Does never teachers

transferred to a bigger town or city school. Some teachers are transferred almost every semester. Does anyone ever think about the students? The students in remote areas have to get accustomed to and adjust to a new teacher almost every year and sometimes every new semester. A new teacher takes at less three or four months to settle down and to know his students' abilities. But the teacher's transfer changes the balance every time.

Another very serious situation is when a teacher conducts two different classes in the same room. The teacher divides his or her abilities and attention between the two. Even students cannot concentrate because of two classes held in one room.

When the students reach the 12th grade and sit for the teaching

When the students reach the 12th grade and sit for the tawjihi exams, all are asked the same kind of questions. And everybody expects the students from remote areas to score as well as those I would also like to urge the university.

I would also like to urge the university authorities to take into consideration all the above-mentioned problems faced by students from remote areas while admitting them to these institutions of higher education.

I expect the government to lead the state of the st

I expect the government to look into this matter and see to it. that justice in education is guaranteed to all students.

Khalid Mohammed Odeh, Al Khaldiya Pharmacy, Matrag

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Rebel rift threatens major famine in south Sudan

By Jonathan Clayton
Reuter
TIAL Sudan — "God says

YUAI, Sudan — "God says Christians should not hate, but I hate. I hate Omar Bashir. I hate him," confided south Sudanese rebel Simon Mori Didumo.

He paused, then staring

ahead, quietly explained the reason for his hatred of Sudan's military leader.
"They kill our children, make our people go to the mosque for food — starving people, told to wear the

robes of Islam in return for food. Of course, they do it. They have no choice."

Mr. Didumo, a portly, affluent-looking man in a land of naked poverty, is secretary for humanitarian affairs of the main breakaway

faction of the Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA).

The SPLA was formed in 1983 to fight what the Christian and animist south says is domination by the Muslim, Arabised north. The war has devastated the south, where three million people eke out a living in a land of harsh shrub and disease-ridden

swamps.

Mr. Didumo says his real enemy is the Muslim-fundamentalist government in Khartoum, not John Garang—the mainstream SPLA

leader. The so-called Nasir faction to which Mr. Didumo belongs split from Colonel Garang alleging human rights abuses and "dictatorial tendencies."

Both sides agree Khartoum is the only real winner, but their feud looks set to deepen. Each says the other is to blame and reconciliation is not on the agenda.

Political differences are

minor.
Officially, Col. Garang favours autonomy for the south within a united, secular Sudan. The Nasir group wants independence after a referendum in the south modelled on the approaching U.N.-organised vote in

But the rift has strong tribal overtones. Col. Garang. 48, a U.S.-educated professional soldier, is a Dinka whose fellow tribesmen for centuries have fought against the Nuers, to which Nasir faction leader Riak Machar

belongs.

"Garang introduced tribalism into the SPLA to strengthen his hand after the rebellion against his leadership," said Mr. Didumo. "It is easy to exploit those tensions, and he did."

At the end of March, Col.

Garang's men attacked the

Nasir faction in the southern town of Kongor. More than 45 people were killed, including one of the most respected of the SPLA's founding fathers, "Uncle" Joseph Oduho.

Aid workers were withdrawn and relief work in the

area was disrupted after the attack, which followed a ceasefire accord between Col. Garang and Khartoum. Mr. Machar, 39, said Col. Garang made the deal with the government in order to free his hands to eliminate his

group ahead of peace talks this month in Nigeria.

At talks in the Nigerian capital Abuja on Thursday, Col. Garang's group and the government agreed to open Nigerian-sponsored peace

negotiations on April 26.
"Garang is a paid agent of Khartoum," Mr. Machar, an engineering graduate with a doctorate from a British university, told journalists at his makeshift headquarters in the famine-hit town of Yuai.

"Garang is a dictator who violates human rights," he said, swatting flies away from his face with a large, red and white spotted handkerchief.

A few days later in a hotel in the Kenyan capital Nairobi, Col. Garang levelled vir-

tually identical accusations at

the "paid collaborators" of the Nasir faction, "Why is Riak attacking southwards, not northwards?

The people of south Sudan

are asking that questison," he said.

Aid workers say the danger of major famine has escalated dramatically since the split and the infighting that followed just over two years

Philip O'Brien, head of the U.N.'s Operation Lifeline Sudan, told Reuters hundreds of thousands of people were totally dependent on food handouts.

"If fighting escalates, these people will be excessively at risk," he said a few days after the attack on Kongor.

The U.N.'s World Food Programme (WFP) said this week some 2.8 million people

week some 2.8 million people were immediately at risk and could starve to death unless relief supplies reached them soon.

"The situation in some parts of Sudan is absolutely

bleak with starvation rampant in the south. We have the ability to reach millions who are at risk and urgently appeal to the international community to provide us with the resources...," the WFP

said in a statement.

Arafat (Continued from page 1)

Al Baath, the newspaper of the ruling Baath Party, said Mr. Christopher's statement Friday was an encouraging prelude to the peace talks,

In a speech to the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Com-mittee in Washington, Mr. Christopher said: "I am concomed that we not only seem Seven-handed, but that we act even-handed "

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Commenting on his statement, Al Baath said: "Arabs did not ask the United States at any time for any stand other than the one made by Christopher. Arabs have always called for a neutral U.S. position which is not biased to-wards Israel."

In Washington, U.S. officials urged all sides to strive for a breakthrough in the peace talks and a real sense of optimism that

one could occur.
"We're heartened by the fact that the parties are returning to the table because it demonstrates that each still sees that their best interests are served by negotia-tions," one senior U.S. official

"The Palestinians can't afford to go home this time with nothing," said one Middle East diplomat in Washington.

Some analysts believe a break-through could come first in the Israeli-Syrian negotiations. Despite the increase in vio-

lence in Israel and the territories since the talks broke down there is a real sense of optimism now. For the first time everything is in place - an Israeli prime minister ready to do business, an American president determined to play an active role. A Palestinian delegation that sees no alternative to negotiations and a Syrian government determined to

see if it can get its land back.

Egypt

Mr. Metwalli said work was also under way to link the area into Egypt's telephone network. Gen. Bashir said Saturday he would go ahead with peace talks with southern rebels scheduled for Monday despite the discovery

The talks are to resume in the Nigerian capital Abuja, where a first round of negotiations to end the 10-year civil war broke down

of the "plot" to oust his govern-

Gen. Bashir said his government was committed to a negoti-

ated settlement with the Sudan People's Liberation Army, "even though we could inflict a severe blow on the rebels."

The allegations of a coup plot backed by Egypt were a sign Khartoum's military-led govern-ment expected the Abuja talks to break down quickly, diplomats and, sources said.

Sudan had been banking on fierce SPLA in-fighting and its own conciliatory moves towards greater autonomy in the south to weaken Col. Garang's position and at least draw him into a prolonged negotiating process, the diplomats said.

But a stream of positive statements about the talks in Sudan's take part in national reconstrucstate media dried up last week

after Col. Garang met northern Sudanese opposition leaders in Nairobi and laid the basis for a working alliance with them.

"They (government leaders) are quite sure now that this meeting is going to fail. Suddenly they discover the opposition is coordinating and that Garang will not be alone," said one diplomat.

"I think they're preparing the ground at home for a breakdown in the talks."

Gen. Bashir Sunday renewed a general amnesty declaration to all Sudanese who have carried arms against the government, and invited them to come home and Saleh

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date and the son of a candidate from Yemeni Gathering for Reform (YGR), the biggest Islamic

opposition party.

Five people were killed, includ-

ing the GPC candidate, Yahya Ahmad Al Sha'abi, when fighting broke out after his car collided with another driven by the son of

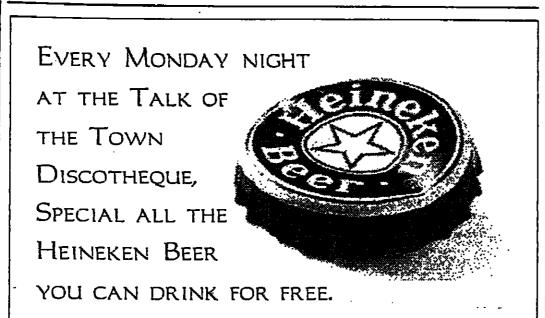
the YGR candidate. "The event is merely personal and has nothing to do with the political side," Mr. Saleh said.

He said economic problems

caused by the expulsion of one million Yemeni expatriate workers from Saudi Arabia in 1990 will not be a bomb to inflict harm to the unity and democracy

as some imagined." Mr. Saleh reiterated his country's demand to end U.N. sanctions against Iraq

"Yemen is committed to all U.N. resolutions, but our point... is that after the Gulf war ended, there was no need for the economic blockade on Iraq to continue especially when old people and children suffer shortage in food and medicines," he said.



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Sanchez Vicario overcomes Martinez

BARCELONA (Agencies) — now have the confidence Top-seeded Arantxa Sanchez myself there (to No. 1). Vicario swamped her doubles \$375,000 La Familia Open.

The 21-year-old Spaniard, ranked No. 3 in the world and off to a fast start this season, won 6-1. 6-4 on the clay-court surface. It was her third tournament win of the season and improved her season's match record to 31-4. Three of those losses have been to No. 1-ranked Steffi Graf of Germany.

The 21-year Martinez, ranked No. 8 in the world, rallied briefly in the second set and took a 3-2 lead after breaking Sanchez Vicario's serve. But Sanchez Vicario bounced back and won four of the next five games.

"Five finals (this season), three victories — you couldn't ask for more." Sanchez told reporters. "Things are going well and I'm very happy about it. "To be No. 1 is still my life's

dream," she added. "I'm becoming more capable of reaching it, but it will be difficult. I think I

now have the confidence to get

Both players were troubled partner and second-seeded Con- from time to time by gusting chita Martinez, taking two sets
Sunday in 71 minutes to win the who committed 20 unforced errors in the first eight games. The victory before her home-

town fans in Barcelona netted Sanchez Vicario \$75,000. Martinez won \$33,750.

The two, top-seeded in doubles, were to team up for the doubles final against Magdalena Maleeva of bulgaria and Manuela Maleeva Fragniere of Switzer-

Edberg and korda win doubles title

Swede Stefan Edberg and Czech Petr Korda won the men's doubles final of the 100,000 dollar Monte Carlo Open Sunday. beating Dutch pair Paul Haarhuis and Mark Koevermans in three sets 3-6, 6-2, 7-6 (7/4).

The final was played indoors because of wind and rain. A decision on whether the men's singles final here Sunday can go ahead will be taken later Sun-

SPORTS NEWS IN BRIEF

O'Neal does more than just dunk a basket

EAST RUTHERFORD (AP) - Shaquille O'Neal has done

some awesome things in his rookie season in the NBA. What the

7-foot-1 (2.1-metre), 301-pound (136-kilogramme) centre did to a

backboard at the Meadowlands Arena Friday was really some-

thing. He tore it down on a dunk nine minutes into the Orlando

Magic's game with the New Jersey Nets. This wasn't the typical

glass-shattering incident but instead a total takedown, with the 24-second clock atop the basket grazing O'Neal as the backboard

fell. The game was delayed 46 minutes while a new basket was

installed. The 24-second clocks were placed in the corners of the

court because a clock couldn't be mounted on the new backboard.

Kasparov latest victim of Moscow airport thieves

MOSCOW (R) - The luggage of world chess champion Garry

Kasparov has been ransacked at a Moscow Airport and some of

his belongings stolen, ITAR-TASS news agency said Sunday. It quoted a police officer at Sheremetyevo Airport as saying

Kasparov's mother had reported the loss of a pair of her son's training shoes, a pullover, two tracksuits and a shirt. She was

meeting Kasparov from a flight from Helsinki, where his wife

MADRID (AFP) — Diego Maradona's physiotherapist, Fernan-

do Signorini, has advised the Argentine star to quit football before his back injury gets worse. Maradona's back problem is giving him a lot of pain, and he "should think seriously about

retirement," said Signorini in the Spanish daily El Mundo

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Provis wins Malaysian title

Australia's Nicole Provis beat Ann Grossman of the United States 6-3, 6-2 in the final of the 100,000 dollar Malaysian Women's Open Sunday.

Provis, the number three seed, kept her head and stuck to her winning formula of deep ground-strokes, moving the ball well on both sides of the court.

The fourth-seeded Grossman, on the other hand, let herself get frustrated by close line calls and hit out in frustration.

Seles to play in Hamburg

World No. 1 Monica Seles, who hasn't played in a sanctioned tennis tournament for nine weeks, is taking part in the \$375,000 Kraft Tour Citizens Cup tournament in Hamburg starting

Monday, organisers said.
Tournament director Guenther
Sanders said Seles notified organisers late Thursday she would be playing at Hamburg's Rothen-baum stadium, which has a sea-ting capacity of 11,000.

The news has generated new

interest and increased ticket sales for the tournament, which has been won by world No. 2 Steffi Graf of Germany six times since it first started in 1987.

Seles was defeated by Graf in the Hamburg finals two years ago 7-5, 6-7, 3-6 in an electrifying match.

The 19-year-old Serbian-born Seles, who makes her home in Florida, hasn't played in a professional tournament since she lost to Martina Navratilova in Paris on Feb. 21, when she was reported suffering from a viral infection

Graf has also had problems recently. She was forced into a three-weeks pause after the finals at Hilton Head Island due to a knee injury.

Graf is to open open against Judith Wiesner of Austria Mon-day, while Seles is to meet Argentinia's Bettina Fulco-Villella in

first-round play.

Other top ten players taking part in Hamburg include world No. 3 Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario. of Spain, No. 9 Jana Novotna of the Czech Republic, and No. 10 Manuela Maleeva-Fragniere of Switzerland.

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Frenchman Alain Prost behind the wheel of his car (AFP photo)

Prost closes gap on Senna

IMOLA (AFP) - Frenchman Alain Prost had the last laugh Sunday

as he drove away with an accident-filled San Marino Grand Prix.

European Grand Prix at Donington, proved himself the master on a much drier Imola track, leaving German Michael Schumacher and Martin Brundle of Britain to head the procession in his slipstream.

Prost, severly criticised for his performance in the rain-hit

His victory was all the sweeter as arch-rival Ayrton Senna failed to

finish, allowing Prost to win his 46th Grand Prix and reduce the

But the race, begun in greasy conditions, proved a nightmare for

first-season rookies Damon Hill and Michael Andretti, both who failed to finish a race that claimed 16 victims out of 25 starters. Hill, aged 32, has started his career in the top flight cautiously,

keeping a low profile as he accumulated points without taking risks. But the young Briton led here in the early stages, despite a scare

when he cut across the grass, only to spin off while in third after

Andretti, a new convert from American Indycar racing and who

had not completed a lap in three starts before Sunday, went out after

locking his brakes during an over-ambitious manoeuvre as he tried to

go into fourth past Karl Wendlinger.

The 38-year-old Prost, starting in pole position for the fourth time this season, had immediately lost his advantage to Hill and Senna but

reclaimed the lead after a series of tyre stops shuffled the order at the

Prost, who opened his world championship campaign with victory in Kyalami, carved out a huge advantage despite the occasional

interruption of light rain and eased home after Senna's retirement,

Blundell, who crashed his Ligier, and Benetton's Ricardo Patrese,

who spun out, before the end of the first lap.

car in flames before one of his wheels fell off.

The tricky surface at the start of the race had put paid to Mark

Warwick was later a victim of a spin while both Ferraris failed,

Gerhard Berger failing to leave the pits and Jean Alesi spinning off,

and Italian Zanardi drove for almost half a mile with the rear of his

Brazilian's world championship lead to two points.



Japanese long-distance runner Mitsuyo Yoshida lets her joy show Sunday'as she crosses the finish line to win the Paris Marathon (AFP

Paris Marathon ends in controversy as Beblo wins

PARIS (AFP) — A thrilling Paris highly rated before the race, Marathon ended in controversy as Poland's Leszen Beblo took the mark to finish in 21st position. title after Belay Wolashe from Ethiopia ran into officials just before a sprint finish.

The two had broken clear after 40 kilometres and were side by side with a few hundred yards to go when Wolashe appeared to be given wrong directions going round the final bend.

He ended up in the middle of a crowd of marshals while the 27-year-old Beblo raced in to win in guez, a 5,000 and 10,000 runner 2hr 10min 46sec, a personal best.

The Ethiopian jogged the final his arms at race officials. Beblo said: "I would have won.

despite the incident - he was struggling at the end but I was feeling very strong." Many onlookers, however, felt

that it was the Ethiopian who looked the more relaxed in the final stretch.

Third place was taken by Ali Sakhri of Algeria, while Japanese challenger Yoshito Hashiguchi, ten.

The race had come to the boil

after the 30-kilometre mark, with regular changes of leadership.

Beblo, whose only other marathon victory came in Reims last year, seemed to have made a

decisive break but he was gra-dually reeled in by Mexican Martin Pitayo and Wolashe. They were then caught in turn

running his first marathon, after 35 kms (21.5 miles), as Pitayo yards, clearly furious and waving dropped back, but Rodriguez his arms at race officials.

dropped back, but Rodriguez cracked as Wolashe and Beblo attacked again just before the 40 kilometres mark. Top British runner was Andy

Green, in tenth place.

Japan's 27-year-old Mitsuyo Yoshida won her first marathon, breaking the challenge of Russian Ilyna Madejda to triumph in a personal best of 2hr 29min 16sec. Five Russians featured in the top

Bruno on course for WBC title chance

BIRMINGHAM (AFP) - suddenly found the monster

36th win in 39 bouts, but his It was a case of Bruno doing formance did he will win his WBC World 33-year-old Williams out of the Championship bout against B. tain's Lennox Lewis in Septem-

It was a harder fight than Bruno expected. Before the bout and certain of victory, Bruno looked stay with the big British hero. ahead to his next contest to say: "I'm looking forward to the Lewis fight because I'm going to do some damage to him."

But Lewis still has to defend his crown against American Tony Tucker at Las Vegas, United States, May 8, before facing Bru-

Just as it was looking as if Bruno would be taken the dis-

Heavyweight Frank Bruno stop-punch which an 8,000 crowd had been waiting for all night.

Williams in the 10th and last
round with a ramrod righthander—canvas—senses scrambled—and,
Saturday evening.

Bruno, 31, and former Euro—eight, referee Dave Parris spread
pean champion, chalked up his his arms wide to halt the bout.

little to suggest what he had to do nd get the way without too many problems. This he did but Williams -

although clearly lacking in burning ambition — showed an in-tense amount of determination to

Bruno picked up the ring microphone and told the crowd: "I felt a bit rusty, Carl "the truth" was a very dangerous opponent. Now I'm looking for Lewis- I

think I can take him." Promoter Mickey Duff added: "I thought Frank did an excellent job. Williams showed how determined he was to take Frank so far- and Frank finally took the tance for only the second time, best opportunity he got.

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FORECAST FOR MONDAY APRIL 26, 1993

By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Uranus goes retrograde and there are many things that you wish to accomplish today that would put you in quite different position or category but now isn't the time for that kind of pioneering.

ARIES: March 21 to April 19) A new world that has been dawning for you can be made concrete now by doing your part of bringing it into, making it a part of your everyday life.

TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20) You see the best way by which to have a greater rapport with those with whom you have some business dealings so encourage alliance between you.

GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21) An older associate from the outside now can coordinate efforts with you towards making your various joint interests work out to mutual advantage.

MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) Activities that have been put off by you are the media by which you can now achieve the best results so attend to them without further delay.

LEO: (July 22 August 21) Recreations that have meant much to you in the past can be revived to your entertainment and enjoyment now so go after them in spirit of confi-

VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) Consider the various aspects of conditions at your own residence and put into motion a course that has proven satisfaction to family

again. LIBRA: (September 23 to October 22) A good day to be off to see and enjoy longtime friends and ac-quaintances and to stir up more activity in daily interests in which others can be useful.

SCORPIO: (October 23 to November 21) You need to look at your property and possessions now with the idea in mind of improving their value and appearance so it lasts for sometime to come.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21) A day when you are preoccupied, and rightly, in gaining those personal and intimate conditions that bring you a feeling of real security.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 to January 20) A day to think in terms of having greater breadth to your scope and activities and to plan just, how you can later put this into

AQUARIUS: (January 21 to February 19) Contact as many good friends and acquaintances as possible whom you have known for sometime and you will have real-pleasure in renewing these associa-

PISCES: (February 20 to March 20) Outside activities that you have not been able to complete can be revived and successfully handled today by stop putting off and handling them with dispatch.

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Foreign Exchange Market Summary (April 19-April 23, 1993)

AMMAN — The dollar lost considerable ground against all other major currencies last week, despite interest rate cuts by the Bundesbank on Thursday. The U.S. unit thus ended the week 2.3 per cent lower against the mark, 3.25 per cent against sterling and 1.33 per cent lower against

The yen was a major performer last week, as it hit new record highs against the dollar. It closed at 109.90 yen to the dollar, its highest since

Market reports said that the dollar dropped against the yen as a result of traders reaction to comments by President Clinton the previous Friday, after his meetings with Prime Minister Miyazawa of Japan. Mr. Clinton was quoted as saying that a strong yen was one way of reducing the mounting trade deficit with Japan. Furthermore, a number of other European officials were also quoted endorsing the yen's appreciation.

Market participants went on bidding the yen, as they became convinced that Japan's major trading partners were intent on not intervening to halt the yen's rise. A clarification from the White House that the president's comments did not comprise a policy statement failed to change traders stance, as did various statements by Japanese senior officials. Bank of Japan's repeated intervention to sell the yen were also unsuccessful, as the consensus was that only a coordinated intervention by several other central banks would have an impact, a scenario which

was not considered likely at the time.

Despite the lack of fresh news, the dollar retreated against the mark and other European currencies as well, reflecting its generally weak

A surprise interest rate cut by the Bundesbank Thursday caused the dollar to rebound temporarily to 1.6135 marks. The Bundesbank cut its discount rate by 0.25 per cent to 7.25 per cent and the Lombard rate by 0.5 per cent to 8.5 per cent. But failure to come close to resistance at 1.62 marks, let alone breaching it, coupled with unconfirmed rumours of Bundesbank intervention caused the dollar to retreat on profit-taking. as many traders preferred to liquidate their long dollar positions. It closed in New York below 1.60 marks.

The U.S. currency fell sharply on Friday, closing in New York at

1.5837 mark. Apart from disappointment with its performance the previous day, dollar sentiment was further hurt when the U.S. Commerce Department announced very disappointing results for March's Durable Goods Orders. Observers maintained that the figures indicated that the not-so-good U.S economic results during the month of

March may have been due to more than just bad weather in the U.S. They maintained, however, that the dollar should still out-perform the mark and other European currencies in the medium term. Against the yen, the dollar rebounded slightly, ending the week in New York at 110.73 yen. Remarks by U.S. commerce secretary seemed to finally convince market participants that impact of President Clinton's

nts might have been exaggerated.

New York Closing Rates for Major Currencies Against the

	16/4/1993	23/4/1993	Percent Change	
Currency	Close	Close		
Sterling Pound	1.5250	1.5745	3.25 %	
Deutsche Mark	1.6175	1.5837	2.13 %	
Swiss Franc	1.4825	1.4285	3.78 %	
French Franc	5.4645	5.3480	2.18 %	
Japanese Yen	112.20	110.73	1.33 %	

USD Per STG

Currency	16/4/1993		23/4/1993	
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U.S. Dollar	3.06	3.43	3.09	3.31
Sterling Pound	5.90	6_00	5.81	6.13
Deutsche Mark	8.13	6.81	7.81	6.75
Swiss Franc	5.18	4.37	5.00	4.44
French Franc	9.20	7.87	8.56_	7.50
Japanese Yen	3.18	3.31	3.18	3.25

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Oman outlines ambitious joint oil venture plans

DUBAI (R) - Oman, embark- tium, which will build and opering on an ambitious programme offset its own dwindling reserves, has agreed to help restore nonproducing oil wells in western

A statement from the Oman Oil Company sent to Reuters said Oman signed a contract with Tomskneft Production Association of Western Siberia to help slow a decline in Russian oil

It also gave fresh details of Omani projects as far afield as Thailand, India and Kazakhstan. The statement said the deal between Tomskneft and the state-owned Oman Oil Company

(OOC) would concentrate on reviving existing idle wells, rather than prospecting new sites. "In terms of increasing produc-tion in the short term the workover of existing wells is clearly the

fastest and most economic method," the statement said. Russia, still the world's second biggest oil producer behind Saudi Arabia, expects output to fall this year to just under seven million barrels per day from eight mil-lion barrels per day (b/d) in

Oman is also a founder member with Russia and Kazakhstan of the Caspian Pipeline Consor-

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ate a pipeline from Kazakhstan to of joint oil ventures overseas to Novorossysk on the Black Sea. The statement said the pipeline will be able to carry 1.5 million b/d. This would cover expected Tengiz production of

> planned production in the west of the republic, the statement said. It said that under a deal signed earlier this month between Oman and the Kazakh government, \$75 million would be spent exploring in some 16,000 square kilometres

> 750,000 b/d in addition to further

of western Kazakhstan. The exploration was expected to uncover 1.1 billion to 1.5 billion barrels of oil reserves, it said. Other OOC overseas ventures include a deal signed in March to help build and operate two refineries in India.

The statement said Oman would help in the construction and operation of a 120,000 b/d refinery in central India, including a lubricating oil plant and a 600-kilometre overland crude oil pipeline linking the refinery to the west coast of India.

The second refinery would be build on the west coast.

As well as diversifying its oil interests abroad, Oman plans to build a 1,450-kilometre gas export pipeline under the Indian Ocean to India to exploit Omani gas reserves, now estimated at 20 trillion cubic feet.

No details of this previously announced project were given, but it is expected to carry about 640 billion cubic feet of gas. Oman has also signed a pre-

liminary accord to participate in building a \$1.9 billion, 130,000 b/d refinery in Thailand.

The statement said Oman would provide up to 80,000 b/d of its crude oil to supply the refinery, and together with Caltex Petroleum would hold a 64 per cent equity in the refinery. In addition to projects under taken by the Oman Oil Company - set up to implement projects outside Oman — a joint venture between Oman's government and foreign firms led by the Royal/ Dutch Shell Group plans to set up tanker exports of five million tonnes a year of liquefied natural gas (LNG) to the Far East.

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'Cement industry in S. Arabia has become a good business'

bia's cement firms posted recordnet profits in 1992 and see solid gains this year from booming

construction in the kingdom. Most of the publicly traded firms plan to spend around four billion riyals (\$1.1 billion) on increasing production capacity.

"I expect demand for cement to continue in 1993 though several development projects have already been completed." Saudi Kuwaiti Cement Company (SKCC) Chairman Abdul A2i2 Al Jamai told Reuters.

Construction has boomed in the kingdom since the end of the Gulf crisis in 1991. The demand for cement has prompted Saudi Arabia to reduce duties on imported cement and clinker to ease shortages.

Most of the seven Saudi companies have reported higher net

1993 compared with a year earlier, when the cement shortage started.

Yamama Saudi Cement Co., which nearly tripled its 1992 net profit to a record 254.9 million riyals (\$68.0 million), said its profit for the first quarter of 1993 rose by 60 per cent to 80 million riyals (\$21.3 million).

"We expect to achieve a similar if not better result in the second quarter of 1993," a company offi-

SKCC, which reported a 145 per cent rise in net profit to 168.3 million rivals (\$44.9 million) in 1992 also said its profit during the first quarter of 1993 climbed by 55 per cent to 53.2 million rivals (\$14.2 million).

"Cement industry in Saudi Arabia has become a good business," one source said. "Plans are

profit in the first three months of pushing ahead to increase production capacities of existing plants or building new lines."

The proposed expansion plans would raise the production capacity by more than four million tonnes a year to 18 million tonnes

An official at the Saudi Cement. Company (SCC) said Sunday the firm plans to spend 800 million rivals (\$213.3 million) to boost its production capacity by 3,500 tonnes per day.

Because of construction and economic boom and expectation of increasing demand for the firm's cement in the coming years, board of directors of the Saudi Cement Co. decided to start expanding the plant," Ahmad Al Jafali told Al Riyadh newspaper.

A company official said SCC had signed an agreement with

the huge Swiss cement company Holderbank Financiere Glarus A.G. Holz for expansion designs.

Industry sources told Reuters traders in the kingdom had imported 350,000 tonnes of cement and Saudi cement firms imported 500,000 tonnes of clinker, a stony residue from burnt coal, in the first quarter of 1993.

The kingdom imported 200,000 tonnes of cement late last year and economists expect imports will grow substantially until ex-

pansion plans are completed. The sources said cement company officials would meet next month to discuss market needs

and plan for future. Undersecretaries of the Saudi industry and commerce ministries have also been invited to attend the gathering, due to take place on May 5 in the eastern Saudi city

Kuwaiti deputies demand bad debtors' names

KUWAIT (R) — Members of parliament trying to solve Kuwait's chronic \$20 billion bad debt problem insisted Saturday that the government privately tell

them the names of the borrowers. The deputies, tackling a problem that has enfeebled the banking system since 1982, said that until they knew the identity of the

9,546 borrowers they would be unable to assess their financial Brazıl launches

stabilisation plan

BRASILIA (R) - President Itamar Franco launched an economic stabilisation plan for Brazil Saturday aimed at fighting inflation by lowering interest rates, speeding up privatisations and applying strict limits to government spending.

Speaking before a cabinet

meeting in a televised speech, Mr. Franco said the Brazilian currency's value had become distorted and in turn distorted all. values in society-en-mayor.

"In an effort to preserve their assets and their family many people have lost all references to the indispensable values of a civilised society," he said.

The banking system is hand-icapped by \$20 billion in unpaid debts stemming largely from the 1982 crash of an informal bourse built on post-dated cheques. Debtors' names have never been

published. "This is the key to the solution," Mohammad Al Murshed

said in a parliamentary debate. Unless we review the names it is difficult for any of us to agree on the law. No-one will agree on

something vague." "Who are the debtors? How can we solve an issue in the absence of one of its elements." said Turki Al Azmi, echoing similar statements by other deputies.

The assembly was debating preliminary measures aimed at solving the debt problem put forward in a discussion paper drafted by the assembly's financial and economic committee.

The assembly agreed to give speedy consideration to a separate proposal by Mr. Murshed that parliament enact changes to central bank regulations so as to require the bank to submit the names of the debtors privately to parliament. "The parliament is the master

of the situation," Mr. Murshed told the assembly. "It represents the people who are the source of authority.'

Commenting on previous demands for disclosure of names, banking authorities have said that any debtor who failed to follow

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status and set repayment terms. any future debt settlement programme would automatically have his identity revealed because he would be taken to court.

Ismail Al Shatti, chairman of the financial and economic committee, said he had been advised by the assembly's legislative committee that his committee was entitled to know the names "because they have turned from being banking secrets to secrets related to public funds."

The committee is seeking tougher terms for big borrowers who individually owe over 500,000 dinars (\$1.65 million) and a partial debt write-off for small borrowers owing less.

The government has criticised some of the proposals, saying it is wrong to set different terms for

small and big debtors.

The government says the measures could result in unfarmess and wrongly downgrade the central bank and commercial bank roles on a proposed technical committee setting repayment

The assembly plans recommend hig borrowers, believed to include some of the emirate's wealthiest people, repay all they owe over 10 or 20 years, although it raises the possibility of a complex formula of concessions linked to future interest rates.

At the end of the debate the assembly voted to refer the preliminary discussion proposals back to the finance and economic committee and request it to draft a final version that would take into account comments made during the debate.

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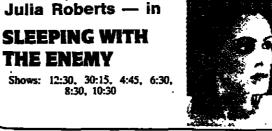


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kept secret. Get it, the legend

goes, and you can make a for-

tune. The company says the for-

mula is in a bank vault, but the

author of a new book claims he

discovered it in company arc-

hives. "The company will tell you that's not true, it's not the origin-

al," said writer Mark Pender-grast. "I think they love the

mystique. "You can't know for

sure unless you look in that bank

vault... But this is as close as

anyone's come," said the freelance journalist and former libra

rian whose forthcoming book is

search for his book about the

Atlanta-based company. Mr.

Stowe, Vt. A native of Atlanta.

he spent four years researching

and writing the book to be published on May 4 by Charles Scrib-

MONTREAL (AFP) -

Quebec's governing Liberal Party

was given the go-ahead by a party

convention to ease its restrictive

language laws which were de-

signed to discourage the use of

English. Delegates overwhel-

mingly approved a plan to allow

businesses to have advertising in

languages other than French -

but signs and outside billboards

must still be predominantly in

French. The government is ex-

pected to introduce legislation next month. Saturday's vote

came a few days after a United

Nations Committee ruled that

Quebec's banning of outside signs

and advertisements in any lan-

guage other than French was a

violation of the rights of minor-

ties in the French-speaking pro-

vince. But the party convention

voted to retain another con-

troversial language law that stipu-

lates children of immigrants must

be taught in French-langue

schools, except in cases when the

family is scheduled to be in the

province for a short period of

BELING (AFP) — Wanted:

Quebec to ease

language laws

anti-English

real thing

Owen in Belgrade in 11th hour bid on Bosnia peace plan

BELGRADE (Agencies) — Hours before tough new U.N. sanctions were due to come into force against Belgrade, peace mediator Lord Owen launched a last-ditch bid to persuade the Bosnian Serbs to sign the Vance-Owen peace plan.

After arriving here from meetings with Bosnian Muslim and Croatian leaders in Zagreb Saturday. Lord Owen said he could not believe that the Bosnian Serbs would refuse to sign the plan, saying it would be a tragedy if

they did.
"I refuse to believe that what I heard from Dr. Karadzie was his final word," he said, referring to the refusal by Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic Saturday to agree to a compromise deal to

"I have got no new proposal, I have not changed the plan. It is simply a question of signing the remaining documents," he said.

Lord Owen was speaking be-

fore having lunch with Yugoslav President Dobrica Cosic and Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic soon after his arrival. It was possible that Mr. Karadzic would also attend the lunch, diplomatic sources said.

The ultimate decision on

AMRITSAR, India (R) — Para-

military commandos stormed a

hijacked Indian airliner Sunday,

killing the lone Kashmiri Muslim gunman and freeing all other 140 people aboard unhurt, officials

Senior police officer K.P.S., Gill said the hijacker was shot

dead in the cockpit when com-

mandos of the elite National

Security Guard stormed the plane

at Amritsar's Rajasansi Airport

But several passengers said the

man was taken off the plane

alive, and that they then heard

The domestic Indian Airlines

about an hour after midnight.

whether to accept the map proposed by the Vancé-Owen plan lies with the self-proclaimed Serb parliament in Bosnia, which was due to meet in the afternoon in Bijeljina, northeastern Bosnia.

But the rump Yugoslav Repub-lic — made up of Serbia and Montenegro — is widely seen as being able to influence its Bosnian Serb cousins.

Lord Owen warned that the new U.N. sanctions - aimed at forcing the Yugoslav Serbs to put pressure on their Bosnian cousins to sign the peace plan - would be difficult to reverse once they come into force at midnight Sun-

At midnight, New York time, today starts a sanction regime of extreme toughness," he said, referring to a package of sanctions which would virtually isolate rump Yugoslavia.

"Once it starts, it would be very difficult to take it off," he said, adding: "It would be an absolute tragedy to present the image of the Serbs to the world that they cannot live alongside thier fellow Croats and Mus-

Lord Owen said he had returned to Belgrade at the request of Mr. Milosevic and Mr. Cosic. And he warned: "The last thing

flight was hijacked soon after it

ern city of Srinagar, in

day afternoon.
The hijacker, identified as
Mohammad Yusuf Shah, wanted
to be flown to Afghanistan. He

said be was from a militant group

fighting to end Indian rule in

He was armed with two pistols

and a grenade , hidden in crutches.

said Mr. Gill, the police chief of

Punjab state, where Amritsar is

Paramilitary officers had ear-lier said the hijacker was taken

insurgency-torn Kashmir, Satur- er's body.

took off from Delhi for the north-

Indian hijacker 'shot on tarmac'

the world wishes is to get in-volved in a military confronta-

After his discussions Lord Owen was due to fly to Geneva Sunday evening, but his staff said he could remain in Belgrade longer if there were positive de-

velopments. Meanwhile Sunday, European Community foreign ministers meeting in Middelfart, Denmark, agreed to tighten sanctions against Yugoslavia and eject Bel-grade's representatives from all international forums.

The ministers, winding up a two-day meeting, also discussed taking military action against Yugoslavia to curb its support for Serb forces fighting in Bosnia-Herzegovina, but went no further than agreeing not to exclude such intervention in the future.

Also Sunday, a truce signed overnight to stop fighting be-tween Muslims and Croats in Bosnia appeared to be largely holding, underpinning an accord to renew their alliance against Bosnian Serb forces.

Bosnian President Alija Izetbeovic and Bosnian Croat leader Mate Boban agreed overnight in Zaghreb to halt fighting between their forces and renew their alliance against the powerful Serb

A reporter said he counted up

to 15 bullet holes on the hijack-

Asif Khanday, a doctor on the flight, said he saw the man being

ied off the plane. "He was taken down and then we heard gun-

shots," Dr. Khanday told repor-

ters at Srinagar Airport, where

the passengers were flown Sun-

Other passengers concurred.

be acting on orders of the com-

mander of the Hizbul Mujahe-

deen, the most powerful of the

They said the man claimed to

bloodstains.

militia, which has seized much of Bosnia's territory since the war broke out a year ago.

Separately Sunday, a U.N. Security Council delegation en route for the eastern Bosnian Muslim town of Srebrenica arrived in Tuzla, a nearby Muslimheld industrial city.

Dr. Karadzic said he would meet peace envoy Lord Owen in a final bid for compromise on a peace plan for Bosnia that would avert fresh U.N. sanctions against Yugoslavia.

Dr. Karadzic said after talks with Serbian and Yugoslav leaders he would try to make an interim agreement with Lord Owen which would be acceptable to the Bosnian Serb parliament later in the day.

Dr. Karadzic told reporters the document he would propose "would mean that only a few per cent" of the boundaries of the 10 ethnic cantons proposed by the Owen plan would remain in dis-

The European Community (EC) Sunday backed a British pledge to use force to rescue 150 Canadian U.N. troops in the besieged Bosnian town of Srebrenica if they became trapped by

Workmen begin the clean up operation Sunday at the seat of a bomb explosion in the City of London

after a massive Irish Republican Army bomb caused damages estimated to exceed \$1.5 billion

Pakistani police teargas pro-Sharif demonstrators

LAHORE, Pakistan (R) -Police fired tear-gas and used batons to disperse hundred of supporters of Pakistan's sacked Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif when they tried to approach the Punjab Provincial Assembly

The crowd was protesting against a no-confidence motion due to be moved later Sunday against Punjab Chief Minister Ghulam Haider Wyne, a close ally of the former premier.

Hundreds of riot police surrounding the assembly building in the centre of the ancient provinpeople who defied a ban on pub-

Police

and driven out of the city in trucks, witnesses and officials

The government has imposed a ban on gatherings of more than four people around the assembly building.

Traffic moved normally

from the ruling Congress (I) Party, stalled the release of several mega-buck productions that had provincial parliament building to earned him hundreds of prevent crowds gathering before thousands of dollars. the late afternoon session. stemming from his arrest could be

his hometown and main powerbase, early Sunday after addressing tens of thousands of cheering supporters in Karachi.

North Korea tells Russia: Mind your own business TOKYO (AP) — Communist The blunt remark aimed at North Korea, reacting to Russia's Moscow was made by the Korean concern over the North's refusal Workers (Communist) Party

to abide by an international nuc-newspaper Rodong Sinmun in a lear accord, told its former ally commentary on reports quoting Saturday to mind its own busi-Russian Foreign Minister Andrei Saturday to mind its own busi-

At the same time, the isolated, Stalinist country renewed its earlier vow not to give in to international pressure and revoke its decision last month to withdraw from the Nuclear Non-Prolifera-

tion Treaty.
The official Korean Central News Agency, monitored in tended. Tokyo, said Vice Marshal Choe "Russ Kwang, chief of the general staff of the Korean People's Army (armed forces), declared that the country will wipe out the enemy if it is attacked.

The report also said Marshal Choe declared the country will take "a corresponding effective countermeasure for self-defence" if the U.N. Security Council imposes "collective sanctions"

The arrest Monday of Sunjay

Dutt for illegally possessing an

AK-56 rifle purchased from con-

spirators in the March 12 blasts

that killed nearly 300 people has

forced the industry to disassociate

The arrest of Dutt, son of

veteran actor Sunil Dutt, an MP

Producers estimate that losses

around \$23 million. They said 15 films in production had been halted although the actor had

been paid in advance for 20 films.

whom arrived in buses arranged

The ceasefire between Arme-

by the government,

itself from the actor.

Star's link to Bombay blasts

unnerves 'Bollywood'

Kozyrev as saying that Russia was deeply concerned over North Korea's withdrawal from the nuclear accord.

"As is known to the world, we are actually exposed to a grave nuclear threat from the U.S. nuclear bases in South Korea and Japan." the commentary con-

"Russia... must know this. However, Russia zealously chimes in with our enemy's argument about 'nuclear suspicion' against us, while closing its eyes to and not venturing a word about the grave nuclear threat to

us," said the commentary.
"Russia must not do rash acts of infringing on other's interests for its own sake but realise that minding its own business is a way of improving its own lot," it said.

"Why should we be held to

The statement came as police

began looking for actress Man-

dakini for alleged links with Dubai-based Indian mafia don

Dawood Ibrahim, considered a

key figure behind the Bombay

blasts along with the Muslim

Up to 40 Hindi language films

starring Dutt, considered India's

Sylvester Stallone, have run into

bad weather in the country where

militant Hindus have ordered

theatre owners to stop their

Billboards of Dutt's films have

Memon brothers.

screening.

for London bomb

DUBLIN (R) - The Irish Republican Army (IRA) claimed responsibility Sunday for a mas-Pendergrast spoke about the book last week from his home in sive bomb that devastated London's financial centre Saturday. killing one man and wounding 44

Hundreds of people gathered at police barricades in London's financial district Sunday, waiting to view damage caused to their offices by the massive bomb. Saturday's explosion, which

dollars damage, came after telephone warnings in the name of the IRA.

taxi cabs in London later Satur-

offices towers, including all the way to the top of the 52-story National Westminster Bank Tower, in what Police Commissioner Owen Kelly called "a bliz-

a street near the Hong Kong And Shanghai Bank, "just yards" from the blast, the News Of The World said. The newspaper replaced its normal red masthead with a black one in tribute to Mr. Henty, who would have celebrated his 12th wedding

been garlanded with shoes and posters torn down since his arrest along with two film producers who sold the assault rifle to Dutt.

IRA responsible

other people.

caused hundreds of millions of

Two small bombs destroyed

day, and early Sunday a former soldier died in a car bomb attack in Cookstown, Northern Ireland. Police estimated that one tome of fertilizer-based explosives was packed into a dump truck abandoned in London's financial dis-

zard of glass."

"A massive cloud of brown smoke came up and everybody just ran for their lives," said Nicholas Waddick, a British rail worker. "My staff were crying

and screaming."
The News Of The World said freelance photographer Edward Henty, 34, was killed by the blast while on assignment for the tab-

loid newspaper. Mr. Henty's body was found in

anniversary Sunday.

Oueen Elizabeth II sent a sympathy message to Mr. Henty's

called For God, Country and Coca-Cola. Coke's insistence on secrecy about the 107-year-old recipe flavours intrigue surrounding the world's best-selling soft drink. The Coca-Cola Co. did. in fact. deny Mr. Pendergrast's claim. The writer said he found the recipe on a yellowed piece of paper marked "X" during re-

trict, the City of London. Windows were blown out of

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E-n-d-l-e-s-s meetings? Japanese say throw . 1 away the chairs TOKYO (R) — Japanese effi-

ciency experts have a stern tip for all those who yawn through interminable meetings — get off your backsides and stand up. That way you'll get through the agenda rapidly. Leaders of the port-city of Yokohama are putting the idea into practice by throwing away the Civic Assembly's chairs. This will keep the city councillors on their feet, both physically and figuratively. Japanese newspap ers reported, saying that from next month there will be individual rostrums but no chairs. Meetings will be held with participants standing. The daily Yomium Shimbun quoted the Yokohama Assembly as saying People are going to concentrate on the meeting without falling asleep, and besides people will 1979, "mainly due to considera- probably tire more easily and want to finish the meeting quick-

Pol Pot said to be more active

shots on the tarmac

(AFP) — Saloth Sar, alias Pol Pot, the shadowy Khmer Rouge chief who ruled as dictator of Cambodia from 1975-1979, has become far more active in recent months, according to sources here on the Thai-Cambodian border.

The Communist chief, whose tvranny left more than one million Cambodians dead by execution, starvation and forced labour in a radical experiment to create a modern agrarian society, remains the incontestable head of the Khmer Rouge and works boggedly to recapture power in Cambodia, sources said.

He is now based in a Thai village protected by three checkpoints manned by a special unit of the Thai army, near the town of Trat and 300 kilometres southeast of Bangkok, sources say.

From there he can easily cross the Cambodian border some 30 kilometres away, and travel north to the Khmer Rouge stronghold of Pailin, home to the diamond and sapphire mines that, with the help of Thai businessmen, provide funds for the movement.

On April 1 of this year Pol Pot went to Pailin to meet his top cadres, according to one source, and last November he visited his top henchman, "Ta Mok," known as "the butcher," in his northwestern fieldom of Anlong Veng, the same sources said. Surrounded by mystery -

most Cambodians have not heard his name since the overthrow of his government by the Vietnamese in January 1979 - the Khmer Rouge chief has used successive pseudonyms, first "Bang Pol," then "Pol Pot."

In the movement he is referred to as "Number 1 Brother" or "Number 1 Uncle," and all unit commanders: refer to him by the code number "87," according to a rare recent study of the movement.

His new name is Lamoth. which is the Cambodian word for

Pol Pot will be 65 on May 19, at least officially. Records in official French archives show the student Saloth Sar, who lived in Paris' 15th Arrondissement from 1949 to 1953, was born on May 19, 1928.

A smiling and affable man, Pol Pot speaks softly according to those who have met him, enlivened for some 10 years by a woman clearly younger than he is, with whom he has had a daughter and son.

WORLD NEWS IN BRIEF

alive, and reporters who later two dozen or so groups fighting entered the plane did not see any against Indian rule in Kashmir.

Pope arrives in Albania 🔒

SHKODER, Albania (R) - Pope John Paul said Sunday the world should look to once-Communist Albania as proof that totalitarianism had failed abysmally. The Popel spoke at a mass on a triumphant trip to the formerly-isolated Balkan state whose Communist leader tried to erase religion. "One cannot forget what happened," the Pope said. He consecrated four new bishops entrusted with rebuilding a church crushed by decades of repression under the late Stalinist dictator Enver Hoxha. The Pope poured scorn on Hoxha's attempt to cur Albania off from the rest of the world, saying the reflourishing of religion was proof that nothing could crush the human sprit. . The Pope was driven to Shkoder from Tirana where he started the 12-hour visit with a moving speech at the run-down airport of Europe's poorest country. During the 100 kilometre drive on a winding, pockmarked road shared by cars, chickens and carts, the Pope was taken past fields where peasants were working the soil with hand tools and beasts of burden.

2 killed in Pakistan train accident

tracks outside a southern village early Sunday, killing at least two people and injuring an estimated 150 others, health workers said. Rescuers flocked to the crash site in Jang Shahi, about 70 kilometres from the port city of Karachi. Health workers said at least a dozen of the injured were in critical condition.

Sri Lankan rebels deny assassination

COLOMBO (AP) - Separatist Tamil Tigers Sunday denied government accusations that they assassinated opposition leader Lalith Athulathmudali at an election rally two days ago. A statement faxed to Colombo news agencies from the rebels' London office suggested the government was to blame. "It is obvious to the people who has masterminded this murder," it said. Mr. Athulathmudali's Democratic United Liberation Front has emerged as a serious challenger in the May 17 provincial elections. The balloting is seen as a test of popularity for President Ranasinghe Premadasa, who faces an election next year. Opposition parties blamed the government for the assassination, but a senior government minister called the allegations "foul and

10 dead in U.S. tornado

TULSA, Okla. (AP) - The National Guard headed to nearby Catoosa early Sunday to begin a search-and-rescue mission after a tornado blew cars and trucks off a busy interstate and destroyed dozens of homes, killing 10 and injuring at least 50, authorities said. The twister demolished at least 80 mobile homes at a Catoosa trailer park Saturday evening, according to television reporters at the scene. A National Guard unit headed into suburban Catoosa east of Tulsa early Sunday. Tornado sirens in Tulsa started going off Saturday evening. The tornado hit a few power lines in downtown Tulsa, the twister lifted up and touched down again eight kilometres to the east, where it moved along interestate 44 for two miles (3.2 kms) before hitting downtown Catoosa, the National Weather Service said.

DHAKA (AFP) - Police fired warning shots and tear-gas to disperse hundreds of demonstrators demanding the arrest of a Muslim fundamentalist leader, injuring about 200 people, witnesses and hospital sources said. The clash occurred several metres from a high-security complex which houses most of the government ministries. Demonstrators had planned to stage a sit-in protest around the complex, but activists marched from the Dhaka University campus and tried to break through police barricades using homemade explosives, witnesses said. Police responded by firing warning shots and tear-gas, and charged the demonstrators with batons, witnesses added. Trouble spread to other areas as activists fought pitched battles with police, leaving some 200 injured, witnesses said. Police arrested more than 20 people, they added. The protest organisers are demanding the trial of fundamentalist Jamaat-E-Islami chief Golam Azam for crimes allegedly committed during Bangladesh's 1971 war of

KARACHI (AP) - A high-speed passenger train jumped the

minutes later. After destroying a church and knocking down

200 hurt in Bangladesh clashes

independence with Pakistan.

BOMBAY (AFP) - The arrest of a top Indian actor and a police probe into links between Indian ton or terrorism by antistes," moviemakers and the gangsiers blamed for last month's deadly Producers' Association cial capital of Lahore and sprayed tear-gas thto a crowd of about 500 lic gathering to approach the assembly. bombings here have unnerved spokesman.

with batons. About 50 people were arrested

through the city centre as hundreds of riot police ringed the

Mr. Sharif returned to Lahore,

Armenians mark 78th anniversary of massacre

YEREVAN (Agencies) -Thousands of mourners led by President Levon Ter-Petrosian and Catholicos Vazgen I honoured the Armenians killed by Ottoman Turks in a massacre that

began 78 years ago. The anniversary coincided with a ceasefire between Armenia and neighbouring Azerbaijan in the war over Nagorno-Karabakh. The truce has lasted two days longer than planned, leading Azerbaijani President Abulfaz Elcibey to express hope for a

"softening by the warring sides." The ceasefire followed a series of Armenian military victories that led Turkey to demand international condemnation of Arme-

At the heart of icy relations between Turkey and Armenia, however, are the deaths in 1915-22 that Armenia calls a "genocide" by Ottoman Turks. Armenia has declared April 24 "geno-Armenia says more than 1,5

million Armenians were killed. Turkey claims approximately 600,000 Armenians died, along with 2 million others, mostly from famine and disease during years of civil strife in Turkey.

Mr. Ter-Petrosian and Vazgen I, head of the Armenian Orthodox Church, were joined by gov-

mats and clergymen in laying wreaths at a memorial called Tsitsernakaberd, or Swallow's Nest. The memorial's eternal flame was ignited for the event, after being extinguished because of fuel shortages caused by the war with Azerbaijan. The flame burned Saturday from a small

Flowers covered the memorial

and church bells rang across the

city of 1.6 million people. The

officials were followed by tens of

tank of liquefied gas.

ernment officials, foreign diplo-

48 hours, just long enough to allow a team from the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe to visit the embat-

tled region of Nagorno-More than 3,000 people have been killed in the five-year undeclared war for control of Nagorno-Karabakh, a scenic mountain region populated mainly by Armenians but located en-

tirely inside Azerbaijan. The ceasefire formally ended at midnight Thursday and was not officially renewed, but a hull in the fighting has continued, Azad Isadzadeh, spokesman for Azerbaijan's Defence Ministry, said Saturday in the Azerbaijani capit-al of Baku.

Mr. Ter-Petrosian met Mr. Elcibey, the Azerbaijani president, in Turkey last week at the funeral of Turkish President Turgut Ozal, and they agreed to resume peace talks.

Mr. Elcibey told reporters in

Baku Saturday that Azerbaijan does not have enough troops to retake territory recently gained by Armenia. "I hope that with time, the rigidity between us will soften. We shall observe the situation during the next two months and if

it does not get better, we shall rethink our position," Mr. Elcibev said. In Moscow, several hundred Armenian demonstrators stood silently outside the Turkish embassy in a protest to demand acknowledgement of the alleged

"We will not allow a repetition

thousands of mourners, many of of 1915," one placard read. In Ukraine's capital Kiev, several dozen people met at a stone marking the site of a 14th

nia and Azerbaijan began last Tuesday. It was supposed to last occupied by a Ukrainian Autocephalous Church, and lit candles and laid flowers in remembrance of the dead. In Boston human rights activist Yelena Bonner Friday called for international recognition of the right to self-determination for the enclave of Nagorno-Karabakh.

> conflict began over the enclave might have encouraged the conflict in Bosnia-Herzegovina, said the Moscow-based activist, who is part Armenian. Mrs. Bonner, widow of Nobel Peace Prize winner Andrei Sakharov, came to the Massachusetts State House to deliver

> a keynote address for the legisla-

ture's observance in memory of

The world's inaction when the

the killings of Armenians during World War I by the Ottoman Mrs. Bonner welcomed world concern about the conflict in Bosnia-Herzegovina and also welcomed belated attention to the conflict over Nagorno-Karabakh, in which more than

3,000 have died. "I want to remind you of the words of the great citizen of this country, of the words of (Thomas) Jefferson, injustice in one place in the world is a threat to justice everywhere," she said, in Russian, while her daughter, Tatiana Yankelevich, inter-

Meanwhile, Armenians cancelled their annual anti-Turkish protests due Saturday in Tehran and other Iranian cities to avoid trouble with local Turkic-speaking

Azeris, organisers said. Armenians took the Interior Ministry's advice and observed

the 78th anniversary of the "Armenian genocide" inside churches, said a spokeswoman for the committee commemoratcentury Armenian church, now ing the April 24, 1915 event.

> The decision came as Armenians from the Azerbaijani enclave of Nagorno-Karabakh wage an offensive into Azerbaijan, just north of Iran. "We were advised not to hold

demonstrations this year. We thought it was a good idea to prevent conspiracies and probems with die-hard Azeris," number 10 million in Iran, the spokeswoman said. in Tehran, several thousand of Iran's 250,000 Armenians showed

up in "Sacred Sarkis" Church to hear their Archbishop Ardak Manoukian. "Seventy-eight years after the genocide, the world community is yet to condemn this crime against humanity," Arch. Manoukian told the crowd. He also asked for the return of "western Armenia"

in eastern Turkey. When the gathering was over, participants issued a communique condemning Armenian President Levon Ter-Petrosian's visit to

Turkey to attend the funeral of Turkish President Turgut Ozal. "Ozal had always been a stannch defender of pan-Turkish policies of the Turkish government, so Ter-Petrosian's presence at his funeral insults the sentiments of all Armenians and the victims of the Turkish genocide in 1915," the communique

The Armenian spokeswoman said this was the second time demonstrations were cancelled since the Islamic Revolution of tions about relations with Tur-